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Rebels kidnap Cordova's kin

GUATEMALA CITY, Dec. 15 (AP) — A guerrilla group said here Tuesday that it had kidnapped Xiomara Suazo, a daughter of Honduran President Robert Suazo Cordova. The group, hiding behind the initials CTD for what it called "tactical reasons," said the prisoner faced "immediate execution" unless a later communiqué were published in Mexican and Central American newspapers before Friday night. Xiomara Suazo, 33, works as a doctor in the general hospital here. She is a daughter by her father's first marriage, contracted when he was studying in Guatemala.

Quake claims over 2,000 North Yemen rescue work in full swing

MANAMA, Dec. 15 (AP) — A multinational rescue operation was in progress Wednesday for victims and possible survivors of North Yemen's worst earthquake in modern history, with confirmed death toll so far put at more than 2,000.

King Fahd ordered an immediate aid of SR100 million (around \$30 million) be given to North Yemen to help relief efforts. Saudi Arabia has already sent 36 air force planes with supplies to the quake-stricken areas.

The airbridge to North Yemen ferried medical teams and relief also from other Arab countries.

Little hope was given that more survivors or injured could be recovered, with more than 48 hours elapsed since the quake struck at 12:15 local time Monday.

Scores of doctors and hundreds of tons of medical and blood supplies and relief arrived since Tuesday, and Sanaa radio said rescue teams mobilized in Yemen were still hard at work to recover dead and survivors from various affected areas.

These teams were drawn up from the army, police, tribesmen and even boy scouts. An estimated 1,000 Palestinian commandos harbored in Yemen after the Lebanon events earlier this year also took part. The aid included 5,000 blankets sent in from the Netherlands and a Swiss rescue team. Sanaa radio said.

The earthquake was measured at six points



(Washington) DEVASTATION: Picture shows houses razed by the earthquake which struck North Yemen on Monday. Volunteers seen trying to rescue persons entrapped in the debris. The picture on the right shows a child lying in the open amidst household belongings.

on the Richter scale at seismological centers in the nearby African state of Djibouti.

It was followed by three milder aftershocks over a five-hour period, each registering an intensity of 5.4 points. But the major damage was caused by the initial shock, which authorities said chopped off chunks of mountains and sparked landslides and resulted in the collapse of hundreds of traditional dwellings of sun-baked bricks.

Yemeni geologists said the earthquake resulted from activity in Yemen's volcanic (Continued on page 2)



Reagan confident of '84 prospects

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan believes his reelection chances in 1984 are a lot better than those predicted by a White House computer, which showed him losing to Democratic Sen. John Glenn of Ohio.

A computerized simulation of the 1984 election, conducted by the White House office of planning and evaluation, showed Reagan losing to Glenn by 243 electoral votes to 212, with 83 votes uncertain.

"Neither the president, nor I, nor anyone else believes that scenario," deputy White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes said Monday. Speakes said the Glenn victory was the "worst case" of several 1984 election "scenarios" run through the computer. Reagan, he said, has "a good feeling about how he would do" if he decides to seek a second term.

Speakes said the White House planning team headed by Richard Beal has been ordered to stop such computer simulations of the 1984 election, and "I just don't think it will be done again."



President Hosni Mubarak

Recognize Israel, Egypt tells PLO

VIENNA, Dec. 15 (AP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak met with Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky Wednesday and later renewed his calls for a PLO recognition of Israel.

"If the PLO recognized Israel, I believe talks among all parties in the region would begin," he told reporters at an airport press conference.

Mubarak arrived here from Bonn, West Germany for a two-hour stopover on route to Bucharest, Romania. He will return to Cairo later Wednesday.

Mubarak met with Kreisky in a 50-minute, closed-door session, and Egyptian officials later said the talk centered on U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Mideast peace plan and other developments affecting the region.

The Egyptian president praised the proposals put forth at last September's Arab summit in Fez, Morocco, but indicated that the Reagan plan was more realistic. Earlier Mubarak and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl emphasized their countries' support for Reagan's peace plan. At a press conference Kohl said the two leaders also greeted the "constructive position of the Arabs at the conference in Fez."

Both men said they supported the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon, but Mubarak specifically emphasized Israeli forces and did not mention Syrian troops. "Egypt will do all we can to end this (Israeli occupation of Lebanon)," Mubarak said.

The Egyptian president also said it is "important" that the Jordanians and Palestinians take part in peace negotiations for the region.

Brezhnev wanted 'to annex Kabul'

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP) — A general of the Afghan secret police who defected to Pakistan says the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev planned to annex or dismember Afghanistan, the British Broadcasting Corp. reported Wednesday.

Aid U.S. former officer, Lt. Gen. Gholam-Sidiq Miraki, made the disclosure in an interview with a BBC correspondent in the Pakistani city of Peshawar near the border with Afghanistan. It did not say why he had defected.

The BBC quoted him as saying he had access to information Brezhnev had instructed the leader of the pro-Soviet Afghan government, Prime Minister Babrak Karmal, to organize a congress and get himself formally elected president.

Karmal was then to announce that Afghanistan had come under threat through imperialism and call in Soviet troop reinforcements to defend its borders. Miraki was quoted as saying. The next stage would have been an announcement that Afghanistan had decided to become a part of the Soviet Union.

The BBC said that according to the general, this plan was abandoned because of opposition from the anti-Karmal faction within Afghanistan's ruling Khalq Party.

But Miraki said Brezhnev had an alternative scheme, still current when the Soviet leader died on Nov. 10, to put the nine northern provinces of Afghanistan under Communist control, leaving the rest of the country to the Afghans, the BBC said.

Soviet arms offer inadequate--U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan has said the Soviet Union's proposal to reduce the number of its medium range missiles targeted on Western Europe was inadequate but was nonetheless a positive sign.

Reagan, speaking at an impromptu press conference, also disclosed that a compromise had been reached with Democratic and Republican congressmen that would assure the appropriation of funds for the construction of the new MX intercontinental missile.

According to the agreement, Congress will approve the necessary funds but they will remain blocked until the president presents a new report on their method of deployment.

The president's comments Tuesday confirmed the existence of a Soviet proposal on medium range nuclear missiles in Europe. The U.S. State Department had indicated

To Gemayel Draper spells out new pullout plan

BEIRUT, Dec. 15 (AP) — U.S. presidential envoy Morris Draper proposed a partial pullback by Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces in central Lebanon Wednesday as the first phase of total withdrawal from Lebanon, state and privately owned radio stations reported.

Draper, who returned from week-long consultations in Washington Tuesday, made the new proposal at a two-hour meeting in suburban Baabda with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel and Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan before flying to Israel, the broadcasts said.

The proposal calls for a 15-kilometer simultaneous rollback of Israelis, Syrians and Palestinians in the central mountains from the international highway that links Beirut with neighboring Syria, according to the radio reports. The Lebanese Army would then move in to end sectarian fighting between rightist Christian and nationalist Druze militias, the broadcasts said.

Draper left for Israel as it was reported that U.S. special envoy Philip Habib had already arrived there.

Meanwhile Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem conferred with President Reagan

in Washington Wednesday and said afterward the latest U.S. proposals for removing all foreign forces from Lebanon were fair.

Salem met the president briefly at the White House, where he also had talks with National Security adviser William Clark. He told reporters he discussed the Middle East, including efforts to remove all foreign troops from Lebanon.

President Gemayel Monday telephoned Syrian President Hafez Assad and briefed him on the new American pullback proposal. They also discussed ways of ending a nine-day battle between Syria's supporters and opponents in Lebanon's northern port city of Tripoli, local radio stations added.

The presidential palace said in a statement Gemayel then sent Jean Obied, a Lebanese political writer, to Damascus carrying a detailed letter to the Syrian president on the question of withdrawal and on deteriorating security conditions in Tripoli.

In Damascus, Syrian Army Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Hikmat Shehah said in a speech Wednesday that Syria would not let Israel partition Lebanon or dictate a peace treaty to

(Continued on page 2)

Walesa flouts summons

WARSAW, Dec. 15 (R) — Lech Walesa, leader of Poland's banned Solidarity union, was summoned to the prosecutor's office in Gdansk Wednesday, but sources at his home said he had not responded to the summons.

The sources, contacted by telephone from Warsaw, said Walesa planned to go ahead with plans to address a rally near Gdansk's Lenin Shipyards Thursday despite strong indications that the authorities would not permit the meeting to take place.

The sources said Walesa received the summons from the prosecutor's office Wednesday morning asking him to come for a meeting at 2 p.m.

The summons did not say what the prosecutor wanted to discuss with Walesa, but Polish papers Wednesday carried a report of investigations into alleged accounting irregularities in the Gdansk Solidarity headquarters.

Walesa held the office of chairman of the Gdansk regional branch of the union, which was dissolved under martial law, as well as being chairman of Solidarity's national presidium.

Walesa himself was not available for comment. (Continued on page 2)

Cairo trial turns stormy

CAIRO, Dec. 15 (AP) — Defendants in the trial of 300 Muslim activists insulted the court Wednesday in a stormy session which saw clashes between prosecutors and defense lawyers and the eviction of three security officials from the courtroom.

"This is a big farce," one defendant shouted at the three-man tribunal from one of 13 cages in the partitioned dock. "If you want to execute us go ahead."

"You are a bunch of dogs and villains," he told the judges, adding on obscene epithets as other defendants screamed protests and court President Abdul-Ghaffar Muhammad Ahmed repeatedly brought down his gavel for order.

The defendants are being tried on charges of attempting to overthrow the government and establish an Iranian-style fundamentalist regime following the assassination of President Anwar Sadat during a military parade on Oct. 6, 1981.

They are also accused of murder and attempted murder in shootouts with police at the southern city of Assiut.

Sadat's brother charge-sheeted

CAIRO, Dec. 15 (AP) — Prosecution authorities Wednesday formally charged Esmat Sadat, half-brother of the late President Anwar Sadat, with corruption, fraud and peddling of influence and demanded that he and two sons be imprisoned for one year.

Socialist prosecutor Abdul Qader Ahmad Ali committed Esmat Sadat, 58, and members of his immediate family to trial by the Ethics Court. Hearings are scheduled to open Saturday.

The charge sheet issued by Ali also asked the court to confirm his decision taken Oct. 20 to sequester the property of Esmat Sadat, his two wives and 15 children.

Esmat, a bus driver turned multimillionaire according to state-controlled news media, and two of his sons, Galal and Talat, have been in custody on Ali's orders since Oct. 29.

Officials said the charge sheet contained more than two dozen counts of abuse of influence, unlawful seizure of government and private property, black-marketeering, extortion and the import and sale of food commodities not fit for human consumption.

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Aba Al-Khail announces

New bank set up, Saudization finished

RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — The last three small branches of foreign banks in Saudi Arabia have been purged to form a Saudi Arabian bank with the participation of the Saudi International Bank and the private sector here, Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad 'Aba Al-Khail announced Wednesday.

A royal decree was issued approving the formation of the new bank, to be called the Saudi United Commercial Bank, 'Aba Al-Khail said. The move comes as the final stage of the Saudization of foreign banks here.

The three branches — Banque du Liban et d'Orient-Mer of Lebanon, United Bank Limited of Pakistan and Bank Mellat of Iran — were not covered in the Saudization move a few years ago because of the small volume of their activities, according to the minister.

"The new bank will practice banking activities according to the Kingdom's regula-

tions," 'Aba Al-Khail said. Each of the four banks, the three foreign bank branches and the Saudi International Bank, will hold 10 percent of the new capital. A total of 95 Saudi Arabian founders will raise 7.6 percent and the remaining 52.4 percent will be floated for public subscription.

"With the establishment of this bank, all banks operating in the Kingdom become Saudi Arabian companies in which major shares are held by nationals," 'Aba Al-Khail said.

According to Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency reports, the Saudization of foreign banks operating in the Kingdom had led to their expansion through the increases of capitals and activities, including the right to open branch offices in various parts of the country. Saudized banks include the Saudi American Bank, Albank AlSaudi AlHollandi, Albank AlSaudi AlFaransi and the Saudi Cairo Bank.

Drought-hit Nepal receives Kingdom's \$ 5m food aid

S. S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 — The Kingdom, which has never lagged behind in extending help and succor to suffering humanity elsewhere in the world, has been busy rushing help from one place to another.

Closely following the help being rushed to the quake-hit North Yemen, the Kingdom has announced its decision to aid the drought-hit mountainous Kingdom of Nepal.

The Kingdom's Foreign Ministry has informed Nepal through a message Dec. 12 that it has decided to aid Nepal with about \$5 million worth of food to overcome the problems created by drought.

SR2.3m kindergarten work begins

QATIF, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Work on a SR2.3 million kindergarten began here recently. The project, under which a model kindergarten is to be built, is adopted by the Qatif Social Services Center in cooperation with local committees.

The center has raised 50 percent of the cost while the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry contributed the rest.

Arab festival preparations underway

RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — The preparatory committee for the Third Arab Festival decided Wednesday on convening the festival on the third week of November here.

The committee also decided that each delegation should include only 100 members including information and administration delegations.

On the intellectual side of the festival, the committee suggested either "Islam and

Asked for the Nepal Embassy's reaction to the aid, its spokesman said: "This is probably the largest aid we have received from any single country. We take it as a mark of goodwill and friendship the Kingdom has for us."

The spokesman said the whole of Indo-Gangetic Plain has been reeling under an unprecedented drought, of which Nepal and the whole of northern India form a part over the last three months.

The drought has made all the difference to Nepal's growing economy, he said and added: "Nepal, which has all along been an exporter of foodgrains such as rice and wheat to India and the Tibetan region, has now to import them."

The project will be executed in two phases, the first of which will be completed during this fiscal year and the second in the next. The ministry's contribution also comes in two instalments.

On the other hand, the center is engaged currently in 52 social programs and projects covering cultural, social, arts and sports activities, in addition to health services.

Youth or 'The Islamic way of building the society and the role of youth' as topic for discussion. The two subjects will be tabled before the Arab youth ministers meeting in Somalia to decide on one of them.

The meeting which was chaired by Prince Faisal bin Fahd president of youth welfare reviewed various preparations and the performances of relevant committees.

CORNICHE SUNSET: This photo shows the sunset on the beach near the Corniche is now being decorated with numerous sculptures. One of the latest sculptures is shown on the right. The new structure is still being produced and in its forms, which helped to compose this striking view.

Computer detects malicious calls in Jeddah

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 — Hard times are ahead for those who use their telephones to play the game of impersonation, hoax and tease other subscribers, because a new computer installed in Ruwais will catch those psychopaths red-handed in no time, a Saudi Telephone spokesman said Wednesday.

The spokesman, Rabie Sadeq Dahlan, director general for telephones and telexes in the Western Province, told *Al-Madinah* that complainants must no longer apply to Makkah Governorate to ask that their telephones be placed under surveillance. They can now directly submit their application to the zonal office which will take care of it.

Sarawat holds first anniversary promotion plan

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 — The Sarawat Super Stores at the Jeddah International Market on Madinah Road has organized a promotional program on the completion of one year of service to the customers.

The Sarawat's holding company Arabian Stores Company Controller Peter McAdam told *Arab News*, the program has been planned by General Manager Abdullah S. Binzagar to thank the customers for making the first year a "grand success".

"The customers have been offered thousands of riyals, in prizes in the competition arranged to celebrate the occasion," he added. The prizes include super seven-day holidays for two persons in Disneyworld, Florida, U.S.A.; Volkswagen Golf motor car; Akai video recorders; Philips televisions; Cannon movie cameras and projectors; vanity cases; wide range of high class cosmetics; Krups coffee percolator and food mixers; Hoover vacuum cleaners and lots of other prizes.

The program had started from Nov. 6 and the prize drawing will take place on Dec. 22. The results of the lucky winners will be published shortly thereafter, said McAdam.

"Following the success of this store and the confidence the customers have placed on us, the company has planned to open a second Sarawat super store on Makkah Road Kilo-4 during March 1983," he added.

Sarawat Manager Bob Willen said "the last day to enter the competition was Wednesday. They received very good response from the customers and also the suppliers." The suppliers offered valuable prizes for the customers and buyers received well known products at reasonable rates.

The competition attracted many new customers and they are on the increase.

Farmer discovers coal near Mujaam

MUJAMMAA, Dec. 15 — Coal was discovered at a 150-meter depth, 35 kilometers south of here at a place called Hamada Al-Farouti, *Al-Riyadh* reported Wednesday.

The discovery was made by a farmer as he was digging an artesian well. He brought two pieces to the Al-Fayhae Club here, as samples of his discovery, which were placed in a museum. Later on, some workers warned themselves with the samples on a cold winter evening.

Tabuk project fund, allocations discussed

RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majeed conferred Wednesday with Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad 'Aba Al-Khail and Civil Service Board President Turki Al-Sudairi to discuss necessary allocations of fund for Tabuk Region's project and appointment of qualified technical and administrative personnel.

The two meetings are part of a series being held by Prince Abdul Majeed with top officials here to discuss projects in Tabuk, progress of work on them and other requirements of the region.

Have information about local news? Important upcoming events? Contributors with information about local news or stories of local interest should contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.

As soon as the application is received, the district office communicates the request to the Ruwais exchange. The latter proceeds with the necessary arrangements, then rings up the complainant to explain the method to be followed and make several tests.

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The computer works around the clock and it is not necessary that an operator be there. Surveillance usually lasts for 20 days, unless a new request is formulated to extend the period. Every week, computer operators withdraw the numbers from the computer's memory to prevent overload.

A list of numbers caught is forwarded to

Makkah Governorate which applies the necessary deterrent actions. Such sanctions vary between cutting the line for three months and requesting an undertaking in writing not to recommence, to other more severe penalties. Coin phones are equally under surveillance to locate any such callers in no time.

In Riyadh a computer to detect malicious calls has been in operation for last two years.

Meanwhile, a committee has been set up to end the problem of interference between telephone lines according to Wahid Fawwaz Kayyal, Saudi Telephone's director for Jeddah. The committee is made up of Saudi Telephone and the companies involved in telephone projects in the area. The interferences might be caused by the electronic modifications introduced to certain mechanical exchanges to boost their capacity.

Makkah hosts Islamic art exhibition

By Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 — A contemporary Islamic art exhibition will be staged in Makkah Sunday by Tunisian calligrapher Muhammad Boutheidja. The exhibit is sponsored by the Youth Welfare office in Makkah and will be inaugurated by Acting Makkah Mayor Abdullah bin Siddiq.

The one-week exhibition, the second for Boutheidja in the Kingdom, will be held at the Makkah Information Center. He had successfully organized a demonstration in Jeddah earlier this year.

"This exhibition is quite different from the previous," Boutheidja told *Arab News* Wednesday. "It is a new concept of Islamic art," he said.

The Makkah exhibition will comprise about 50 to 60 drawings. Boutheidja's new concept blends Islamic calligraphy with plastic arts in beautiful colors.

Car mechanics, electricity sessions next month

HAFR AL-BATIN, Dec. 15 (SPA) — The vocational training center here will organize two sessions daily starting in the middle of next month. The first session will last 18 months and concentrate on car mechanics and electricity, while the second one will concentrate on the same subject plus welding and carpentry and lasts six months.

Participants will be given a monthly salary, living and clothing allowances, all the training equipment and accommodation for those coming from outside the area. Participants will be given SR2,000 upon graduation and a SR100,000 loan for those interested in opening workshops to be paid back later.

From page one

Draper

the Lebanese government.

"We shall block efforts by the Zionist enemy to exploit the current aggression to dictate capitulation on Lebanon or partition Lebanon through sectarian wars and maintain occupation forever," Shehadi said.

He spoke at a graduation ceremony at Syria's Military Academy, and his remarks were broadcast by Syria's state radio.

A high-powered Syrian delegation headed by Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam and Defense Minister Maj. Gen. Mustafa Tlass visited Tripoli Wednesday.

After six hours of talks with leaders of warring factions, a "final cease-fire" was proclaimed at 4:30 p.m. (1430 GMT) in Lebanon's second-largest city by ex-Prime Minister Rashid Karami, Tripoli's leading politician.

Walesa

ment. The sources said Walesa had had no contact from the authorities in connection with his plans to speak at a meeting of Solidarity supporters at the memorial by the Lenin Shipyard at 3 p.m. (1408 GMT) Thursday.

"As you know Walesa has promised workers and his supporters that he would meet them. Now he will stick to his word and will turn up Thursday to address people at 3 o'clock," one source at the Walesa home said.

The authorities have made clear they will not tolerate an illegal rally at the spot, where police have used water cannon and baton charges to disperse a number of demonstrations by Solidarity supporters during this year.

Meanwhile, the text of Walesa's remarks was given by a source of tested reliability to Western correspondents in Warsaw on Tuesday, two days before its planned delivery.

Walesa, in his first speech in the year since martial law's imposition, asserts "ours will be the victory" and urges Poles to pursue peacefully the ideals and aims of the now-outlawed independent labor movement.

"I am faithful to our ideals, the ideals of August (1980)," Walesa says in the text. "I am faithful to the workers and the Polish cause, as a Pole and a worker."

Employ highly qualified staff, Saudi shipping firms warned

RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Saudi Arabian shipping companies were urged to employ highly qualified personnel to work on their ships and advise their employees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Kingdom so they would not be subject to penalty. The warning came from the Communications Ministry.

Transport Undersecretary Ahmad Yusuf Al-Turki said Wednesday that ships owned by national companies were penalized under the law for "certain offenses."

Turki stressed that the government encourages the Saudi commercial fleet and provides assistance and support to shipping companies.

Iraqi chosen as council secretary

CASABLANCA, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Dr. Akram Nashed Ibrahim, the Iraqi candidate was chosen by Arab interior ministers to become the secretary-general of the Arab Ministers' Council for three years. The decision was made by the ministers who were meeting here Tuesday night. Tunisia was decided on by the ministers to host the secretariat of the council.

The ministers attended a dinner party made on their behalf by the Moroccan interior minister Idris Al-Basri as well as folklore festival made to celebrate the inauguration of some development projects here.

Social services receive SR47m in donations

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — SR47 million has been disbursed in assistance to social service centers in the Western Region during the past year, according to Western Region Social Affairs Director Ahmad Salem Al-Fidail. He said the social affairs directorate has provided SR2.5 million as additional annual aid to disabled persons in the region.

The number of girls' homes administered by the directorate has reached 15. Fidail said, adding that social service and development centers in the Western Region have increased to six.

The centers are located in Makkah, Turbah, Wadi Faramah, Baaydhi and Madinah. He said that these centers carry out various projects of which the most prominent institutions for teaching girls: dressmaking, cooking, and looking after children from the cultural, social and health aspects.

Other programs by the centers include promoting health awareness, carried out by specialists, supporting children's sports, youth care, organizing cultural seminars, social trips and camps for youth. The directorate's activities also extend to supplying homes with healthy water tanks; providing libraries with books, promoting afforestation, cleaning and primary medical aid weeks.

In cooperation with education department, the directorate implemented a literacy campaign in rural areas by opening adult education classes and special training sessions for female workers. The directorate also handles dirt-pools and swamps and improves roads in some villages, Fidail added.

Girls' college schedule, exam dates announced

RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — The Undersecretariat of Girls' Colleges Wednesday announced the beginning of the academic year, vacations and examination dates have been adjusted for girls' colleges so that they fall into conformity with standard system, as decided by the Higher Committee for Educational policy.

Examinations for the first semester of this year will begin Jan. 3 and end Jan. 19. Vacation between semesters begins Jan. 29, and the second semester begins Feb. 12.

Second semester examinations begin May 16 and conclude June 1.

Summer vacation falls between June 12 and Aug. 8 after which study resumes until Sept. 5. Hajj holiday will be Sept. 12 to 21. The next academic year, 1983-84 begins Sept. 24.



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In expansion program

2nd pharmacy college planned for next year

By Ahmad K. Khawro
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 — An expansion program which will include the addition of 180 beds has been announced by Dr. Abdul Karim Telmasani, a staff member at the King Fahd Abdul Aziz Hospital faculty of medicine. The hospital addition will form an adjunct to the main university campus and at the same time the hospital is in the process of initiating a graduate program in the field of clinical and industrial pharmacy.

Telmasani said that the faculty would probably begin soon to accept the first group of pharmacy students for the next academic year.

"We are in the process of setting up a school but the basic requirements for admission will be decided in the future," he said. This faculty at the university is the second one to be opened in the Kingdom.

Dr. Telmasani said that the faculty has two major divisions, academic and clinical. In the academic curriculum courses in anatomy, pharmacology, physiology, biology, public health, chemistry, physics and pathology will be offered. On the clinical side, students will be coached in pediatrics, surgery, gynecology and obstetrics, medicine and dermatology.

An added feature of the development taking place in the field of public health is an

Justice sessions concluded

RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Bahraini Justice and Islamic Affairs Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalid Al-Khalifa left here after chairing the first Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) justice ministers conference after its deliberations were concluded.

Khalifa was seen-off at the airport by Justice Minister Ibrahim Al-Sheikh and the GCC's general-secretary Abdullah Bishara.

Prior to his departure, Khalifa expressed appreciation to the King Fahd and the Saudi Arabian government for holding the meeting and also lauded the council's general-secretary's good arrangements for the success of the conference.

The Bahraini minister hoped that committees entrusted by the conference to tackle relevant issues would soon complete their mission to carry out the conference's decisions.

Traffic commanders' parley decides on computerization, strict measures

RIYADH, Dec. 15 — Secondary school level graduates of the Traffic Institute will be trained on the computer at the Interior Ministry's National Information Center, *Al-Malah* reported. The decision was taken at the 4th conference here, Dec. 6-8, under Public Security Chief Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh, of traffic commanders in Saudi Arabia.

The conference decided that, in accidents, the traffic officer's role should be confined to the usual inquiry and to defining the responsible for the accident. The matter will then be submitted to the competent higher authorities.

Coordination will be enhanced among the ministries of health, municipal and rural affairs and finance and national economy to provide the best means for transporting the injured, giving them first aid and treatment and contacting the next of kin of those who die or are hurt in such accidents. Strict measures will be applied on those who caused the accident and anyone found without Iqama (legal stay permit) will be handed over to the proper authorities.

During the pilgrimage season, the investigation will be conducted by the General Traffic Department. Licenses will be withdrawn only as provided for in the statute and will be properly preserved. Severe penalties

attempt to establish a drug information center, a project undertaken jointly by the college's medical faculty and the King Fahd Research Center. Dr. Osama Tayeb, assistant professor of pharmacology, is leading a team to set up a drug division.

Dr. Tayeb said the center will provide the community with information about drugs or poisons. "Such information is widely needed to control the effects of poison in an emergency," he remarked. Three persons are likely to work under him in this division and they are planning to have a microfiche data system on known poisons in the world.

He has visited the Rocky Mountain poison control center in Denver, USA, as a first step toward building a complete library and other facilities related to the center.

At present, Dr. Telmasani said, 450 male and 410 female students are studying in a raft of courses for a six-year term. The college was established in 1975-76. There are four colleges of medicine in the Kingdom, King Saud Medical College in Riyadh, being the first to be set up. The last to come up is the 'Abha College which is a branch of King Saud.

Hospital project contract signed

LONDON, Dec. 15 — Saudi Arabia and Britain will design, build and equip a 150-bed hospital in Jubail together, *Al-Malah* reported Tuesday. The £35 million contract for the project was signed between Lying and Wimpy Alireza Co. Ltd. and Acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi.

The two-story hospital will cover a 110,000 square meter area. The basement and the roof will also be used. In addition there will be four buildings, including a vertical car park, and a large housing compound for 400 persons.

Recreation facilities will include a swimming pool, a tennis court, a basketball ground, a library, restaurants and a television room. The project will take 26 months to complete. Similar hospitals with 100 beds are planned next year at Muthannab and Yarkayyay. The company has been engaged in such joint ventures since 1967.

22 farmers win contest

DAMMAM, Dec. 15 — Twenty-two farmers have won a contest organized by the Agricultural Improvement Department in Qatif on the model farmer. Prizes totaling SR50,000, in addition to other remunerations in kind, like tractors and other agricultural equipment, will be distributed to them at the end of next month, according to *Al-Bilad*.

It was also decided that a reminder be sent to owners of car repair shops not to accept any car without a written authorization from the Traffic Department. Constables will also be very vigilant with trucks that center the city center at a time other than that allocated for them.

Meanwhile, it was learned that Jeddah traffic lights will be connected and regulated by a computer to ease the traffic flow. To begin with, Madinah Road and King Khaled Street will be hooked to the computer system.

A meeting was held at Jeddah Traffic Department recently to discuss the relationship between the department and the company in charge of examining the ways and means to regulate city traffic. The work of the company during the first three months of the contract that have just ended was carefully assessed. The meeting was presided over by Commander Lt. Col. Shahhat Mufli.



Dr. Abdul Karim Telmasani

KAU slates engineering conference

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 — A conference of Saudi Arabian engineers will be held, May 14-20 at King Abdul Aziz University to exchange engineering, industrial and other scientific experience, *Al-Bilad* reported.

Dr. Muhammad Nour Qatani, dean of the engineering faculty of King Abdul Aziz University, said that the conference will also discuss the ways and means to raise the efficiency of the country's engineers as well as engineering training.

An exhibition of engineering equipment and books will be held alongside the conference at the university.

Qatif sewage plan funds allocated

QATIF, Dec. 15 (SPA) — A total of SR577.31 million has been allocated for the Qatif Region sewage and swamp water drainage system. The project covers 16 villages with a total length of 176.8 kilometers network lines, 20 pumping stations and four purification reservoirs.

Eastern Province Water and Sewage Department Director General Abdullah Al-Babtain said the department will urgently implement a project of house connections for the sewage network of Awjam village in Qatif. Studies and designs for the projects will be made immediately, he added.

This move will help connect resident's homes to the sewage and swamp water drainage system in the region to preserve public health after the seasonal rains.

The department has instructed the executing company that water pumping equipment should be re-installed in the region to clear swamps by pumping out water from subterranean reserves. The equipment will remain in place until house connections are completed, Babtain said. Daily reports will be made on progress of work on the project to secure early completion, he added.

Taif to host boy scouts

TAIF, Dec. 15 — Taif will host a group of American and Greek boy scouts next month in the context of Saudi-Greek-American friendship, *Al-Bilad* reported. Taif's educational zone is preparing the program for the visit, which will include sightseeing and several functions and folkloric arts.

Examination date fixed

AHSA, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Dec. 31 has been fixed as the date for class work examination for regular and part-time students of Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University's College of Sharia and Islamic Studies. About 570 students are expected to sit for the tests.

6,000 plots distributed

JOUF, Dec. 15 (SPA) — More than 6,000 land plots had been distributed to limited income citizens and government grantees in the town of Sikaka.

Ibrahim Khulaf Al-Musallam, Northern Region municipal and rural affairs director general, said that final preparations are being made to distribute a residential zone to government grantees. In the town of Domat Al-Jandal, more than 2,000 plots have been distributed and another 1,977 plots were handed out in Tabari.

Distribution of more than 5,000 plots has been approved for 10 villages in the Jouf area.

First 'Who's Who' in Islamic economics, banking planned

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 — Work on the first "Who's Who" in Islamic Economics and Banking has been started here jointly by the Islamic Research and Training Institute of the Islamic Development Bank, and the International Center for Research in Islamic Economics at the King Abdul Aziz University.

According to Dr. Yalcintas Nevzat, head of IDB's Research Division, "it will be the first inventory of researchers and academicians in the domain of Islamic economics, banking and related fields."

The compilation of the information will be completed during the current Islamic year

(1403H) and it will be published in the form of a directory, he said.

Dr. Nevzat told *Arab News*, the project aims to complete and comprehensive inventory of all economists, bankers and academicians active in the field of Islamic research and training activities.

It will bring to the light the existing manpower qualified in Islamic economics, banking and financial subjects. The information will be arranged alphabetically, by subject and country. A questionnaire is being prepared and will be sent to the concerned persons and the institutions.

He said such information will be very useful for any business which wants experts and specialists in these fields.



Dr. Yalcintas Nevzat



ARAB NEWS TOUR: A group of ten graduate students in communications and journalism from King Saud University met Tuesday evening with Chairman Hisham Hafiz at the new headquarters of Saudi Research and Marketing, publishers of Arab News and Ashiq Al-Awsar. The students toured the facilities and viewed the latest printing equipment.



Furthering specialization program

Education Ministry sends 19 Ph.D. candidates abroad

RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — The Education Ministry will send a number of its masters' degree holding employees abroad to continue studies for doctorate degrees. The move comes in the context of the

ministry's specializations program for the Third Five-Year Development Plan to meet demands for certain specializations in the gradual development of the educational structure.

Each year of the plan, personnel who fulfill the conditions for the scholarship are sent abroad. This year, 19 persons will seek doctorate degrees abroad. They will specialize in social sciences which include history, geography and educational psychology, mathematics, and research and studies which comprise educational, analogical, progress, statistical, computer and educational planning research; educational technologies which covers planning, designing and development educational technologies, and production of educational methods, and planning and designing of laboratory equipment.

The ministry has sent a circular to all education departments in the Kingdom to nominate qualified personnel. The deadline for submitting the nomination was set as Feb. 13.

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Fajr (Dawn)	5:26	5:33	5:05	4:55	5:20	5:54
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Asr (Afternoon)	3:20	3:16	2:47	2:31	2:55	3:21
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:42	5:37	5:08	4:51	5:16	5:41
Isha (Night)	7:12	7:07	6:38	6:21	6:46	7:11

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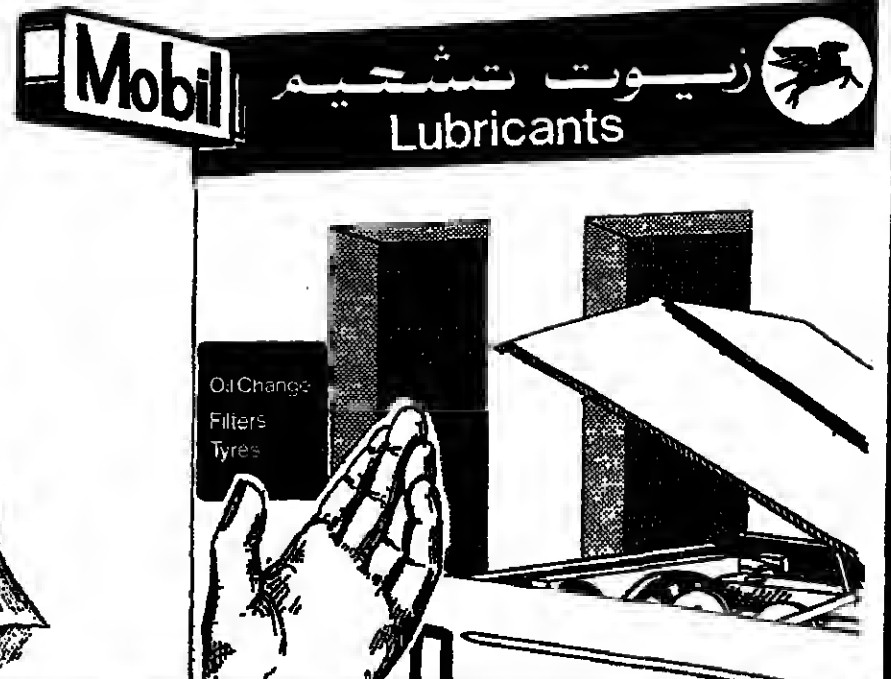
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Arab Americans sore over aid hike for Israel

By Susan Saporito
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Dec. 15 — The National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) expressed outrage over the Senate Appropriations Committee's recent approval of an increase in aid to Israel from \$2.1 billion (SR7.1 billion) in fiscal 1982 to \$2.6 billion (SR8.8 billion) in fiscal 1983, an increase of \$425 million (SR1.4 billion).

The increase in aid translates to \$4,200 (SR14,280) for each Israeli family of five, compared to last year's amount of \$3,500 (SR11,900) per family. This compares to \$112 million (SR381 million) in total emergency aid that has been approved for Lebanon, about \$187 (SR636) per family, to help the thousands injured and homeless as a result of Israel's invasion of Lebanon last summer.

Those senators who approved this aid increase are in essence telling Israel that not only is it okay to invade a defenseless Lebanon and kill and maim thousands of innocent men, women and children, but in addition we American citizens will pay for it," said NAAA President Robert Joseph. "Americans are being asked to sacrifice at home so Israelis can use our tax dollars for their war machine. Rather than pay Israel to kill and destroy, we should be using our tax dollars to feed hungry Americans and put more Americans to work at a time when our own

economy is a shambles," Joseph added.

"This aid increase undermines the authority of President Reagan and signals to important Arab countries that the administration cannot control American foreign policy in the Middle East," Joseph said. He said by increasing its aid to Israel, the United States is rewarding Israel for its invasion of Lebanon, for "thumbing its nose at President Reagan," for rejecting his peace plan, for building more Jewish settlements in the West Bank against the request of President Reagan, "for oppressing Palestinians in the occupied territories, for expelling Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza, for occupying Lebanon and for obstructing all efforts aimed toward peace."

He added, "It also severely damages U.S. credibility worldwide and erodes confidence that the U.S. is capable of pursuing its own national interests abroad."

The Reagan administration opposed the aid increase. In a letter to Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Senator Mark Hatfield (R-Or.), acting Secretary of State Kenneth Dam said: "The president is also acutely concerned that the increase for Israel approved by the subcommittee — indeed, any increase — could imperil the strenuous effort we are making to find a settlement in Lebanon and to make progress in the broader peace process. By appearing to endorse and reward Israel's policies, it could strengthen the hand of those who are content with the status quo, while calling into question among others the U.S. commitment to an equitable outcome." He added that approval of the aid "will sharply increase the difficulty of drawing into the larger peace process those whose participation is essential to progress."

He said the United States is not contributing to Israel's security by making peace "more remote." In response to the subcommittee's approval of the aid increase, the NAAA will launch an advertising campaign in Pennsylvania asking state residents if they approve of the increase. Part of the advertisement campaign focuses on Pennsylvania because Sen Arlen Specter is a member of the Senate committee that approved the aid increase.

The campaign also will be targeted for Maryland's Montgomery County, just outside Washington, D.C., where many congressional members live while Congress is in session. Radio advertisements will be used by the NAAA to reach parts of Pennsylvania; Montgomery County, Alexandria, and Washington, D.C.

Dacca to free 257 prisoners

DACCA, Dec. 15 (AP) — The government will release 257 prisoners Thursday in a general amnesty to mark National Victory Day, an official announcement said Wednesday.

The day commemorates the Dec. 16, 1971, emergence of Bangladesh as a nation after it broke away from Pakistan. The names of the prisoners to be released were not available, but a notice after it broke away from Pakistan. The names of the prisoners to be released were not available, but the announcement said some were imprisoned for political crimes. They are expected to be released from various prisons by Wednesday night. The announcement said the government hopes the released prisoners will help build the nation and be responsible members of society.

Sixty mummies found in Nile Valley

CAIRO, Dec. 15 (AFP) — Sixty mummies in a good state of preservation, dating back to Roman times, have been found at Dush, in the Nile Valley, by a team of French archaeologists, it was reported here Wednesday.

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The mummies, which date from between the first and third century, were found by an expedition from the French Institute of Oriental Archaeology. It was the sixth dig, the third by the institute, on the site of the cemetery of Dush in the outer limit of the Roman Empire.

Apart from the mummies, the dig made hundreds of finds, including bits of pottery imported from Alexandria and fragments of painted coffins. The expedition led by Guy Wagner included a radiologist, Professor Roger Lichtenberger, who X-rayed the mummy of Ramesses a few years ago. It was the first time he had been able to take X-rays of 17 mummies without removing their wrappings and collect evidence of age and illness, which will enable him to reconstruct their personal history.

An Egyptian professor of botany was also able to collect paleo-botanical specimens for the first time which will help establish what sort of plants grew in the region during the Roman era.



CLEANING: Young Lebanese boys clean up rubble and debris in the Fakhani area of West Beirut recently. With the capital calm, reconstruction and cleaning up is going on at a fast pace, with people working round the clock.

Zia begins visit to Canada

MONTREAL, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan began a five-day visit to Canada Tuesday with a tour of an exhibition of electronic and military vehicles.

Arriving at dusk from San Francisco, Zia was whisked from Dorval airport to unveil a plaque at the Baluchistan Studies and Development Corp. Ltd., a company financed by expatriate Arab entrepreneur Saad Gabr. On display were a selection of products developed by Gabr's North Haley Group.

Aside from outing at one point that "Canada is a great country of peace," Zia said little during the 45-minute tour. Zia is scheduled to lunch Wednesday with Quebec External Trade Minister Bernard Landry.

U.N. extends Cyprus unit mandate

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 15 (AP) — The U.N. Security Council unanimously agreed Tuesday to extend the mandate of the 2,348-man U.N. peacekeeping force in Cyprus for another six months, until next June 15.

The council acted on a recommendation of Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who also called for a speedup of protracted intercommunal peace talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriots. In his report to the council, Cuellar warned that "time appears to be eroding" for solving the Cyprus problem, and he expressed the hope that leaders involved would "exercise the statesmanship and courage required" to reach a settlement.

Ambassador Constantine Moushoutas of Cyprus, speaking for the Greek-Cypriot community, accused Turkey, which invaded the island in 1974, of pursuing "separatist

PLO executive

to meet tomorrow

AMMAN, Dec. 15 (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organization's (PLO) 15-man executive committee will meet in Tunis Friday, a senior Palestinian official said here Wednesday.

Najib Al-Ahmad, head of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's office in Amman, told Reuters that invitations for the meeting had already been issued. Arafat left Amman for Tunis Tuesday after talks with Jordanian officials on the future ties between Jordan and a potential Palestinian entity in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip after Israel withdraws from both territories.

The meeting is expected to discuss the outcome of the PLO-Jordanian talks and possibly set a date and venue for a meeting of the Palestine National Council, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, informed sources said.

Mass grave discovered in Afghan province

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP) — The Afghan Press Agency, a dissident organization, reported Tuesday that a mass grave for more than 100 men, women and children has been discovered in Herat province of northwestern Afghanistan.

The London-based agency said local officials blamed the atrocity on the regime of Hafizullah Amin who was in power from September 1979 until the Soviet military intervention in December of that year. The agency, which claims to have good sources among the Afghans fighting Soviet forces, said the grave was discovered "recently" near the town of Iman Shashoor.

The agency said all the victims had their hands bound behind their backs, feet tied and mouths gagged. "There were no visible injuries or broken bones, according to

eyewitnesses, and it seemed as if these people might have been buried alive."

Meanwhile, regime of President Babrak Karmal has made at least temporary gains in buying support from some of Afghanistan's fiercely independent tribesmen. Western diplomatic reports said in New Delhi Tuesday. The tribesmen's loyalty was secured in at least two cases by a method as old and tenuous as life in the rugged region itself through cash payments, said the reports from sources who declined to be identified.

More than 1,000 Shinwari tribesmen in eastern Nangahar province currently are paid 3,000 Afghans (\$40 U.S.) a month each to guard the highway from the provincial capital of Jalalabad to Torkham on the Afghan-Pakistan border, the reports said.

Turkish police question writer

ANKARA, Dec. 15 (AFP) — The Istanbul military prosecutor has questioned humorist/writer Aziz Nesin for connection with officials of the "Turkish Peace Committee" on trial since June 24, judicial sources said Wednesday.

Nesin recently returned from Moscow, where he had been hospitalized after suffering a heart attack in the airport on his way back from Vietnam. Another investigation is under way against Nesin as the president of the Progressive Writers' Association for

alleged Communist propaganda at a commemoration ceremony the association held for Turkish poet Nazim Hikmet.

Nesin has been frequently investigated and arrested. Some 40 years ago, he was discharged as a major in the army after being arrested and imprisoned for leftist ideology. The prosecutor's office said Wednesday, it had so far questioned 60 of 160 leftwing figures under investigation in regard to links with other organizations of the peace committee.

Deng, Evren resolve to better ties

PEKING, Dec. 15 (AP) — Deng Xiaoping, China's top leader, told Turkish President Kenan Evren Wednesday they should change the past situation where "our two countries did not often exchange visits," the official Xinhua news agency reported.

"From now on, we should increase mutual understanding and expand cooperation," Deng said. He said there are no contradictions between China and Turkey. Evren also met with Hu Yaobang, general secretary of the Communist Party, who said the two sides had conferred in a spirit of mutual respect, trust and cooperation, producing very good results, Xinhua added.

It said Hu told Evren, "we won't bully you, nor will you bully us, so we can enjoy a lasting friendship." Xinhua said Evren expressed the hope that Chinese leaders would visit his country. It said Evren and Hu "recalled the similar experiences of the two countries in past history and exchanged views about bilateral relations and the international situation."

One present similarity is that both nations border on the Soviet Union, a nation that China accuses of aggression and expansionist policies. But China also began consultations with the Soviet Union recently on ways to reduce tensions.

Xinhua has not reported what the two leaders said about the Soviets, except that both agreed that all foreign troops must be withdrawn from Afghanistan.

Hu said China is interested in expanding friendly ties with Turkey in trade and economic cooperation. Xinhua reported. It said Evren told him that the people of Turkey entertain very friendly feelings toward the people of China.

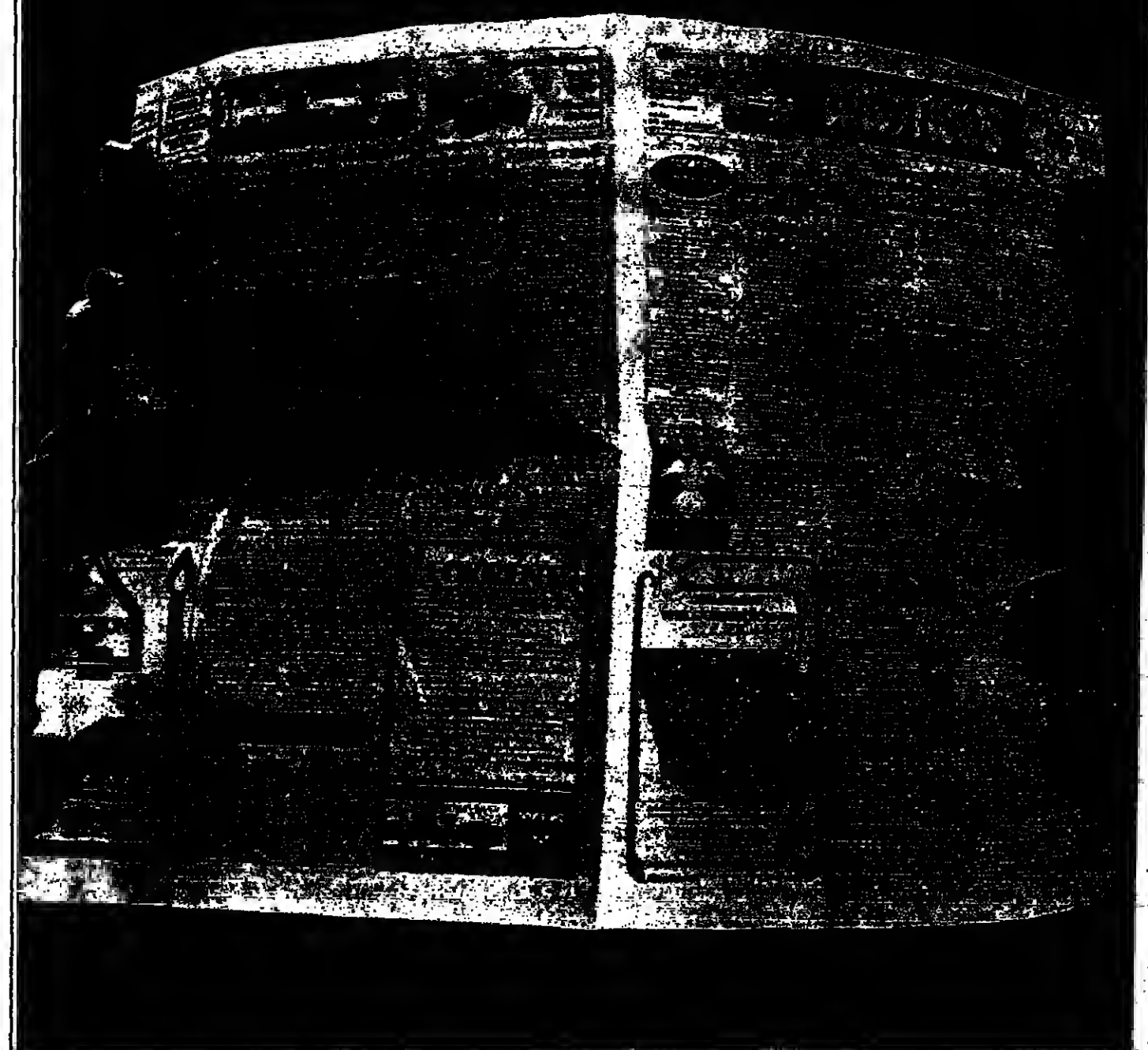
Iran to open mission in Tanzanian capital

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Dec. 15 (AFP) — A seven-man Iranian delegation arrived here Wednesday to work out the last details before the opening here of an Iranian diplomatic mission.

The delegation, which is led by the country's acting director-general of political affairs for Asia and Africa, Dr. Muhammad Hossein, is expected to stay for four days.

A Tanzanian official said the visit was the result of an agreement between Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim and his Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Velayati in New York in October when they agreed to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial levels.

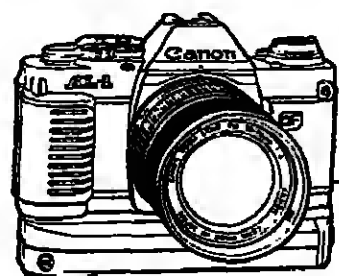
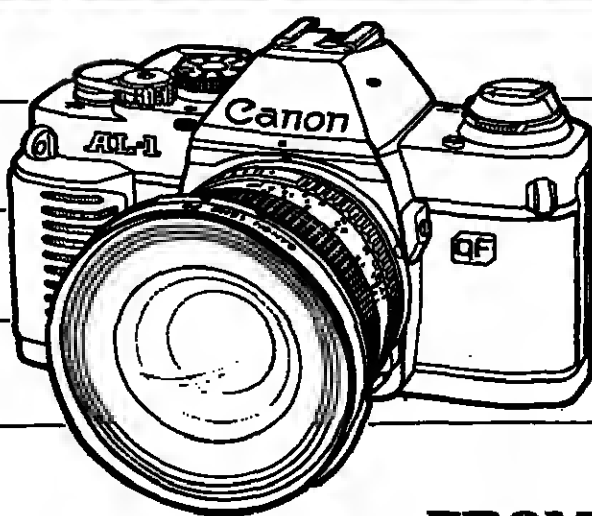
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For bloody commando raid

Lesotho seeks S.A. reparations

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 15 (AP) — After winning condemnation of South Africa from the U.N. General Assembly, Lesotho turned to the Security Council Tuesday to seek reparations for a bloody South African commando raid on its capital.

Lesotho's King Moshoeshoe II personally went before the 15-nation council to appeal for "positive action" to curb South Africa's "strategy of naked terrorism against an entire subcontinent."

An American source said a preliminary draft resolution being circulated among council delegates on Lesotho's behalf would demand South African reparations for the damage and loss of life caused by last Thursday's pre-dawn raid on black nationalist exiles in Maseru.

The resolutions, according to the source, also would call on South Africa not to impede the flow of black refugees to Lesotho and to abide by the U.N. charter principle of the non-use of force in settling international disputes.

The source said the proposed resolution was under study by the State Department, but it appeared that the United States could support it in its present form. He noted it contains no provision for economic or political sanctions against South Africa — cause for past U.S. vetoes. A vote on a final draft was not expected before Thursday because of a growing speakers' list.

Tuesday's council session lasted a half hour, only long enough to hear King Moshoeshoe deliver Lesotho's complaint and

a brief statement from U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Dressed in a blue business suit and speaking in measured English, the king dismissed as "hollow" South Africa's claim that last Thursday's pre-dawn raid was a preemptive strike against black insurgents of the African National Congress (ANC). "None of its claims are supported by fact," the king declared.

After accounting for some of the 42 victims, including eight youths preparing to leave for an ANC school in Tanzania plus a number of women and children, the king asked: "Are these the type of people who could have been planning incursions into South Africa?" Twelve of the victims, he said, were Lesotho citizens.

Involved in coup attempt

Ghana dissolves administrative offices

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP) — Ghana's Socialist military government has dissolved national and regional administrative offices which it said had been involved in a failed coup attempt by rebel soldiers three weeks ago, Accra radio reported.

The radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp. here, said the dissolution sparked rival demonstrations by workers and students at the University of Ghana in Legon.

Ghana's ruling Provisional National Defense Council, chaired by head of state

Flight Lt. Jerry John Rawlings, announced Tuesday in an official statement that it had dismissed sections of the National Defense Committee.

The statement said the NDC's national office in the capital city of Accra and Greater Accra and Volta regional offices were dissolved.

The PNDC expressed grave concern that "counterrevolutionary" forces had infiltrated the country's administration, misusing the committee's power and acting against the

aspirations of the people. It said it had set up a standing committee to speed election of new regional offices.

University of Ghana students, opposed to the PNDC, demanded that the country's military leaders hand over power to a national government and release political prisoners.

In response, university workers rallied in support of the government, calling for closure of the university and strict treatment of counter-revolutionaries, the radio said.

Wife to surrender in Tylenol case

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP) — The wife of Tylenol extortion suspect James Lewis flew to Chicago Tuesday morning to surrender to federal officials on an unrelated criminal charge, her attorney here said.

Attorney Frank Lopez said he met Leann Weightlessness effect "not fully understood"

MOSCOW, Dec. 15 (R) — Soviet space chiefs are worried about the effect of weightlessness on cosmonauts many of whom have experienced unpleasant sensations, Pravda said Wednesday. The Communist Party daily quoted the head of cosmonaut training, Vladimir Shatalov, as saying "we have still not gained complete understanding of weightlessness."

"Unfortunately, doctors still cannot say precisely what are the concrete effects of weightlessness on the body, whether it be a man or a woman," Shatalov said. He said the two cosmonauts who returned last Friday from a record-breaking 211-day stay aboard the orbiting space station Salyut-7 maintained high work capability throughout the flight and remained in space only as long as was necessary.

Lewis at the Gramercy Hotel in Manhattan on Monday under arrangement with her lawyer in Chicago, Michael Monaco.

On Monday her husband, charged with attempting to extort \$1 million in the wake of seven Tylenol poisoning deaths in Chicago, was captured in the New York public library, where he apparently went to write letters to newspapers.

Lopez said Monaco had told the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago that Mrs. Lewis would fly to Chicago with an attorney and surrender there. Mrs. Lewis is wanted on a federal warrant charging misuse of a social security card while trying to obtain work in Chicago.

Lopez said Monaco made the surrender agreement with Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Webb.

"She was concerned, and anxious for her husband, but she was holding up pretty well," he said. Lopez said he and an associate picked Mrs. Lewis up at the hotel and then made arrangements for her overnight lodging and booked her passage to Chicago.

Lewis, 36, charged with trying to extort \$1 million after the seven poisoning deaths in Chicago, was arrested without incident Monday.



GOING...& GONE: Arch Bridge collapses under welders' torches after withstanding four blasts from explosives. A new bridge is to replace the span between Walpole and Bellows Falls, Vermont, America, over the Connecticut River.

Sikh leader asks retired soldiers to join protest

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15 (AFP) — The pressure by Sikh militants seeking autonomy for the northern Indian state of Punjab has taken a new turn with Sikh leader Harchand Singh Longowal calling on retired Sikh soldiers to join the protest and "fight federal domination."

"The Sikhs are in great difficulty at present... We are in need of your service and cooperation at this time of great turmoil," Longowal said in identical letters dispatched to the retired soldiers.

There are tens of thousands of retired Sikh servicemen in India and most of them have taken to farming in the predominantly Sikh state of Punjab. The turbaned Sikhs also continue to make up a majority in the country's 944,000-strong army and 400,000-strong paramilitary and special police forces.

Federal officials expressed concern at the call made by Longowal, who last week reiterated that the Sikh pressure would escalate unless Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's federal government accepted Sikh demands.

The Sikh political party, the Akali Dal, is demanding greater autonomy for Punjab, an increased share in the federal economic cake, a declaration making Amritsar, a city which houses the Sikh shrine — the Golden Temple — a holy city as well as religious freedom and protection.

Several rounds of talks between Sikh leaders and federal representatives in New Delhi and in Amritsar, a city near the Pakistani border, have failed to produce a settlement. A letter published by the English-language newspaper *Indian Express* said the Sikhs had been discriminated against for more than 35 years.

Longowal has summoned a meeting on retired Sikh soldiers for Dec. 23 in Amritsar to map out the party's strategy for the next phase of the campaign. The meeting was reportedly convened at the urging of some senior retired Sikh officers who had already announced their support for Sikh demands.

Last month, three retired major generals, a number of brigadiers and other retired Sikh officers met Longowal to discuss the current political situation in the country, particularly in Punjab, the *Express* said.

Federal sources have confirmed that at least one retired major general and one brigadier were actively aiding Sikh militants. The general was identified as Shabog Singh who headed the guerrilla training camps during the 1971 war against Pakistan which saw the birth of Bangladesh. The brigadier was named as J. Singh.

U.S. broadcast plan to Cuba shelved

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) — The U.S. government's plan for a radio station to broadcast to the Cuban people about their own country appears to be dead for this session of Congress.

Senate majority leader Howard H. Baker Jr., Republican-Tennessee, said Monday it is unlikely any action will be taken on the proposed station, named Radio Marti after Cuban patriot Jose Marti.

A bill authorizing \$7.5 million to establish the station has been subjected to a filibuster each time it has come up since Congress met in its lame-duck session.

With time running out, Baker indicated the

bill is indefinitely stalled unless its backers and opponents can reconcile their differences.

Supporters of the legislation, led by Sen. Jesse Helms, Republican-North Carolina, say it is needed because the Cubans are not getting accurate information about Cuba and Cuban activities worldwide.

It is opposed by a coalition of midwestern senators and liberal Democrats. The midwesterners say the station would prompt Cuba to retaliate by jamming domestic broadcasts of American stations, especially stations reaching a wide farm audience in the Midwest.

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Prospects fade for Reagan bill

Law on immigrants will fail, GAO says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) — Prospects are fading for a Reagan administration bill to keep out unwanted immigrants by penalizing people who give them jobs, as an official U.S. report says other countries have found that such penalties don't work.

The government's General Accounting Office took an intensive look at the experience in West Germany, France, Switzerland and Canada and then told Congress: "First, employers either were able to evade responsibility for illegal employment or, once apprehended, were penalized too little to deter such acts."

"Second, the laws generally were not being effectively enforced because of strict legal constraints on investigations, noncommunication between government agencies, lack of enforcement resolve, and lack of personnel."

The report was delivered confidentially after the Senate passed the bill in August. It was made public a month later, but attracted little attention. Now enemies of the bill in the House of Representatives have prepared so many amendments that they seemed likely to kill it or force its withdrawal.

In West Germany, the investigation found: "...Judges have not considered the hiring of illegal aliens a serious violation. Because judges have been lenient, reduced fines have had little deterrent effect. Employers accept the fines as a business cost..."

"German officials did not know of any employer ever being imprisoned. Legal proceedings against employees are few because employers and illegal employees cooperate

and refuse to testify against one another."

French judges did not take the offense any more seriously, the investigators found. They said four employers were jailed in 1978, one in 1979 and none in 1980. The average fine in 1980 was 2,080 francs — about \$350.

France was also reported to have had disappointing results with amnesty for some of the illegal aliens already in the country — a provision of the bill before Congress. Before an amnesty offer than expired last January, French officials had expected as many as 300,000 would apply, according to the report. One day before the offer expired, only 80,000 had applied and 30,000 of those failed to meet the conditions.

One condition was that to qualify for the amnesty, the illegal immigrant had to have a contract to get legal wages.

Workers living in a country illegally usually get lower wages and worse working conditions than normal workers.

"By meeting the (French) government's contract conditions, the employers stood to lose their principal incentive for hiring illegal workers — the profits made from exploiting them," the report explained.

It said that in Switzerland, which has no unemployment problem, the greatest deterrent to hiring illegal workers — according to employer representatives — is the possibility that they will be prevented from hiring any foreign workers at all in the future.

"Such a sanction would be catastrophic to employers who rely on foreign workers, especially seasonal workers," the report said.

Titan missiles dismantled

TUBAC, Arizona, Dec. 15 (AP) — For 20 years, a towering nuclear sentry lived here, buried in a hill under a 740-ton door. Now the hole is empty, an underground nest without a bird, as the U.S. Air Force dismantles its obsolete Titan 2 nuclear missiles.

Titan site 1-6 is the second of 18 sites in southeast Arizona to be deactivated as the air force retires the last of America's early generation, liquid-fueled nuclear missiles. Seventeen Titans in Arkansas and another 17 in Kansas will be taken out of service later.

The Titans were once the centerpiece of the U.S. strategic missile force, but they have been superseded by more modern, solid-fuel multiple warhead Minuteman, of which the U.S. Air Force has 1,000 deployed in underground silos.

Washington says it is retiring the 52 aging, leaky, liquid-fuel missiles because they are becoming too costly to maintain.

The Titan system has been plagued by

Nicaraguan asks for U.S. asylum

MIAMI, Dec. 15 (AP) — The operations chief of Nicaragua's Sandinista Air Force announced he has defected and is asking for political asylum in the United States.

Agustin Roman Maradiaga, 39, said he was disillusioned by "the flagrant violation of human rights by the armed minority of the Marxist-Leninist Sandinistas."

Roman Maradiaga appeared at a news conference called by an anti-Sandinista exile group called the Nicaraguan Democratic Force. He became air force operations chief after the 1979 overthrow of strongman Anastasio Somoza.

A statement by the Nicaraguan Democratic Force said part of his assignment was to fly Sandinista officials to Cuba. He also was said to have taught Cuban nationals to fly the executive jet plane used by Sandinista leaders. The Cuban pilots traveled on Nicaraguan

accidents involving spills of its volatile propellant, including two fatal accidents near Damascus.

The latest Titan site to be mothballed, about 72 kilometers south of Tucson, was opened to reporters Tuesday by air force officials for a rare glimpse at its innards.

The missile — 31 meters tall, three meters wide and weighing 151,000 kilograms — was plucked from the ground about a month ago, after its toxic liquid propellants and nuclear warhead were removed. The site itself will remain operational and fully manned for about two more weeks.

From above ground, the only indication that a missile once nestled 49 meters below the fenced compound are communications antennas, a wind recorder, sensors, and a square door of concrete and steel covering the silo. Weighing 740 tons it is designed to withstand all but a direct nuclear hit.

Diana's father defends his art sale

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP) — Princess Diana's father, the Eighth Earl Spencer, is defending himself against criticism in the art world that he and his wife are selling off inherited art treasures to pay for unnecessary redecoration at Althorp, his stately home.

The Earl, Johnny to his friends, told a reporter that the tax laws are to blame. He said the current 790,000-pound (\$1.2 million) renovation of Althorp, designed to make the house more comfortable, came on top of inheritance taxes and debts of 2.25 million pounds (then \$5.5 million) he had to settle when his father died in 1975.

"That meant something had to go, and a number of paintings have been sold, some-

times to buyers abroad," Spencer, 58, said in an interview with the *Daily Mail*.

The statement said Roman Maradiaga reported more than 25 percent of Sandinista Air Force pilots also have deserted, seeking political asylum in neighboring countries. He said so many maintenance personnel have quit. The air force has recorded over 20 airplane accidents since 1979, many of them fatal.

Meanwhile, it was reported that recent shipments from the Soviet bloc may have doubled the number of tanks in Nicaragua's Army, already rated the strongest in Central America.

U.S. Defense Department sources said in Washington Tuesday a Bulgarian merchant ship unloaded Soviet T-54 and T-55 tanks in Nicaragua last month, the first such tank deliveries to that country since mid-1981.

Princess Diana was reported by *The Sun* newspaper Tuesday to be "alarmed at the rate her stepmother, Countess Raine Spencer, is selling off art treasures from the Spencer family collection." *The Sun* said Diana has told relatives she wonders how much will be left for her brother, Charles.

Asked about the terms of his release, Burgos said they were not clear cut, and added he was only told that he was under temporary release on house arrest.

"We are not free. Who is free anyway under this setup," he asked. Thus first move will be to ask a court if he can publish *We Forum* again when his subversion trial resumes Friday, he indicated.

According to his father and publishing partner, Jose Burgos, Jr., the military have taken away all typewriters and telephones from the *We Forum* office and sealed the printing press, which was placed under 24-hour guard.

Manila editor taken home from jail

MANILA, Dec. 15 (AFP) — The editor-publisher of Manila's main opposition newspaper was taken to his suburban home by military escort Wednesday after one week in detention on orders of President Ferdinand Marcos.

Jose Burgos, Jr., who was arrested with nine of his staff on charges of subversion involved in the publication of the *We Forum* tabloid, said, "we deny that we have been engaging in subversive activities."

Burgos told newsmen that he and his nine co-accused were brought out blindfolded from their cells in a maximum security military prison in Fort Bonifacio outside Manila. He said he had been in solidarity until Tues-



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58th attack in W. Germany

Bomb injures American

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Dec. 15 (AP) — A U.S. soldier was seriously wounded Tuesday when a bomb planted under the seat of his car exploded and set the vehicle alight in the 58th attack against American interests in West Germany this year, police and U.S. Army spokesmen said.

Two hours later, a second American soldier had a miraculous escape when he felt something hard under the driver's seat of his car and jumped out of the vehicle.

He found a bomb identical to the one that exploded and wounded a soldier in Butzbach, just outside Frankfurt, a spokesman for the army's V Corps in Frankfurt said. The soldier wounded in Butzbach was serving with B Company, 233rd armored battalion in nearby Kirchgoens, but was not immediately identified.

He was reported in "stable" condition 11 hours after the attack at the U.S. Army's 97th general hospital in Frankfurt, where an army spokesman said he was undergoing treatment for leg and internal injuries.

The spokesman, who asked not to be iden-

tified, said identical bombs were used in the two attacks. He quoted one explosives expert examining the devices as saying they were like an 11-pound fire extinguisher bomb found last month in a 26-story apartment building housing U.S. soldiers and their families just outside Frankfurt.

"In each case, identical two kilogram fire extinguishers, explosives, nine volt batteries and a pressure plate were used," the V Corps public affairs spokesman said.

He called the pressure plate "an on-off switch" to detonate the bomb. "This little device was placed on the front seat under the seat cover. When the person sits down, it activates it." Both cars involved in Tuesday's attacks had seat covers on the front seat, he added.

A West German police officer said both cases were under investigation by the Karlsruhe federal prosecutor's office responsible for terrorist inquiries. The Bonn government condemned the attacks and set a 50,000 mark reward (\$20,000) for information leading to capture of the bombers.

Troops hunting for Irish terrorist

BELFAST, Dec. 15 (AP) — British and Irish security forces, spearheaded by undercover squads, hunted Tuesday for Dominic McGlinchey, Northern Ireland's most wanted terrorist, as the troubled British province steered itself for a guerrilla offensive.

Thousands of heavily armed troops and police officers in Northern Ireland and the neighboring Irish Republic searched for McGlinchey along the 483-kilometer frontier, checking farmhouses and manning roadblocks.

But they reported no trace of McGlinchey, a veteran guerrilla identified by police sources as a leader of the outlawed Irish National Liberation Army who bombed a Northern

Ireland hotel Dec. 6, killing 16 persons. Police sources in Belfast described McGlinchey, wanted both sides of the border, as "a ruthless and fanatical killer" believed to be operating along the border, orchestrating the INLA's current offensive.

The INLA, Marxist offshoot of the underground Irish Republican Army, vowed Monday it will avenge two of its leaders killed by police at a roadblock Sunday with "merciless ferocity."

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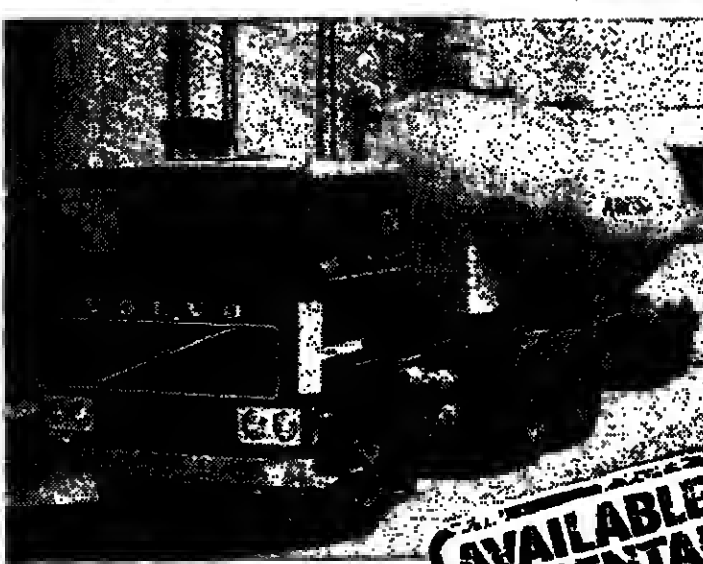
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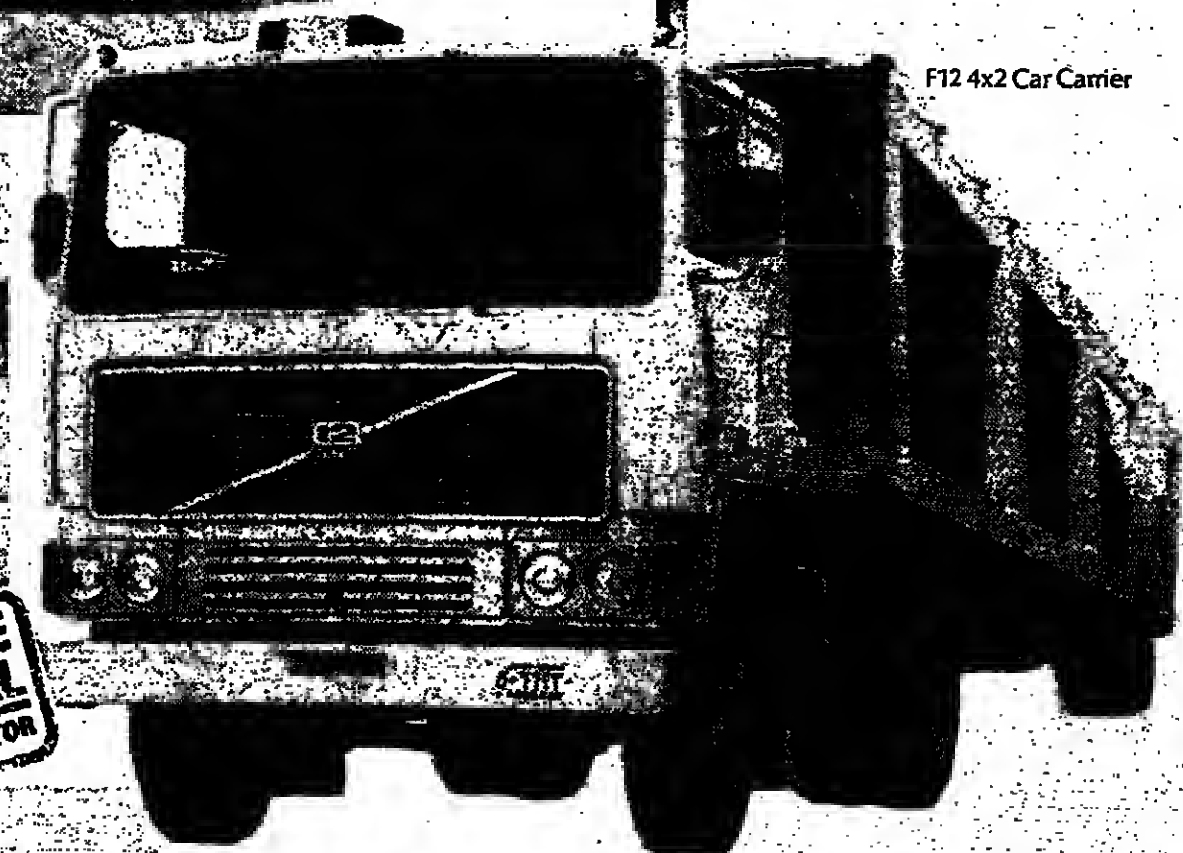
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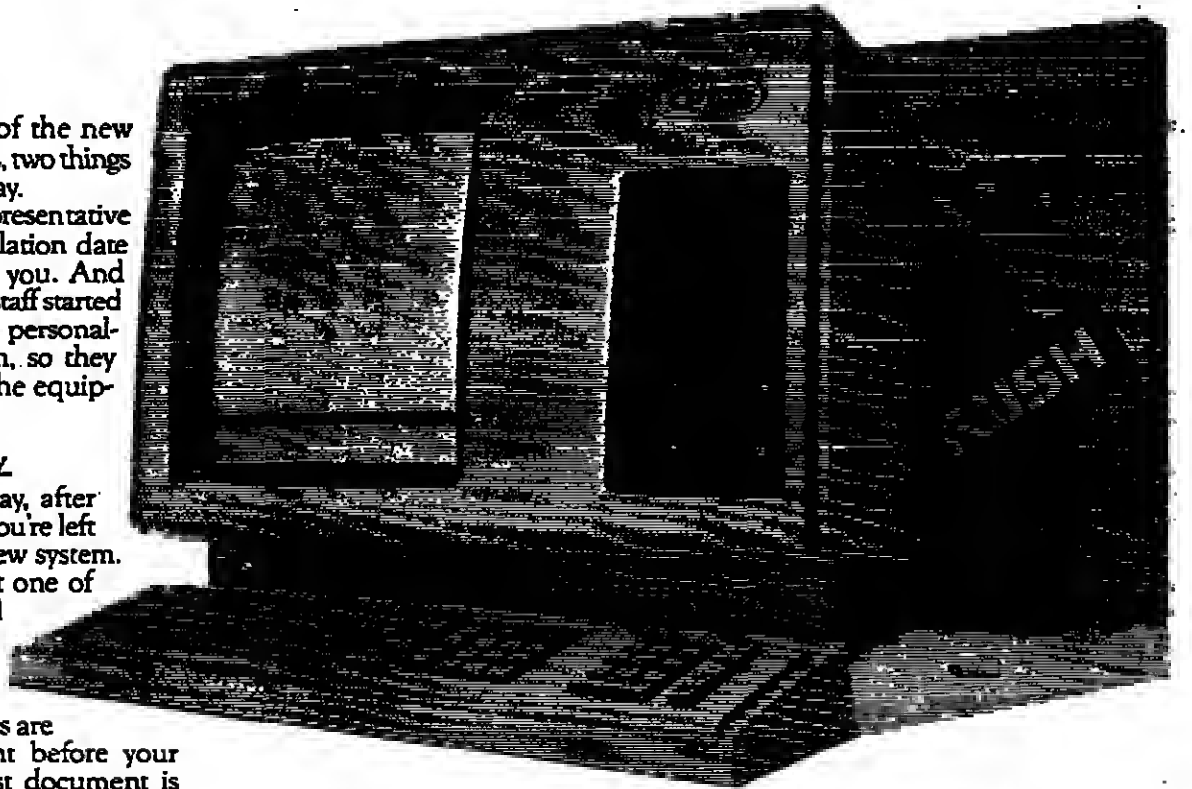
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DIVERSIONARY TACTICS

A diversionary strategy, which focuses attention away from the real issues in the Middle East, is now being perpetrated by the Israelis, with the assistance of those same superpowers who claim to be attempting to find a solution.

While so-called "high-level" discussions are taking place in world capitals, far removed from where the problem exists, the Israelis are taking advantage of the situation as a cover to bring about more damage in the Middle East and to continue their new aggression at new heights with a minimum of publicity in the Western press.

The activities of the superpowers are serving to confuse the situation and the actual problem is becoming more and more complex. The pot continues to simmer and once again, as so many times before, it is threatening to boil over due to Israel's aggression and suppression of human rights.

Warnings about the consequences of the current Israeli aggressive action and continuation of Zionist activities within occupied territories have fallen on deaf ears while the "mediators" seem most concerned with hearing each other's arguments and suggesting solutions without paying any attention to the reality of the situation.

Even the concern voiced by Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem, that a new war is imminent in Beirut if Israeli forces do not evacuate the area has been taken lightly.

At the same time, Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon has denied that the Zionists are attempting to occupy more Arab territories. While such statements are being made and assurances given about withdrawal, thousands of new Zionist settlers are being moved into the occupied territories where they will be permanently housed.

The time is long past due when it is necessary to take action to solve the Middle East crisis using the peace plan suggested originally by King Fahd and later approved by the Arab League at Fez. The only way to solve the problem is to settle it on its own ground, where it exists and without the politically-motivated intervention which has so far been so evident in all discussions.

The proposals suggested by King Fahd are a viable solution and should be implemented immediately, with or without the support of the superpowers who have proven by their past actions that they are not really concerned with a solution and are only interested in perpetuating the talks and at the same time providing Israel with more time to carry out more adverse deeds.

Saudi Arabian press review

Al-Madineh Wednesday said Saudi Arabia's pioneering role in reconciling Arab differences, unifying Arab ranks and re-establishing Islamic unity and solidarity has won worldwide admiration.

It cited the Kingdom's diplomatic moves to resolve Arab disputes at the 12th Arab summit in Fez, Morocco, in September, especially its efforts to put an end to the Iraq-Iran war. Al-Bilad said the Kingdom's support for Arab and Islamic causes was the outcome of its wise and responsible leadership.

The paper welcomed the Kingdom's rapid response in providing relief aid for the victims of the multiple earthquakes that have struck neighboring North Yemen this week. Al-Yom also praised Saudi Arabia's efforts to help North Yemen deal with the disaster, in which over 1,200 persons were killed and 143 villages destroyed.

Commenting on the first conference of justice ministers from

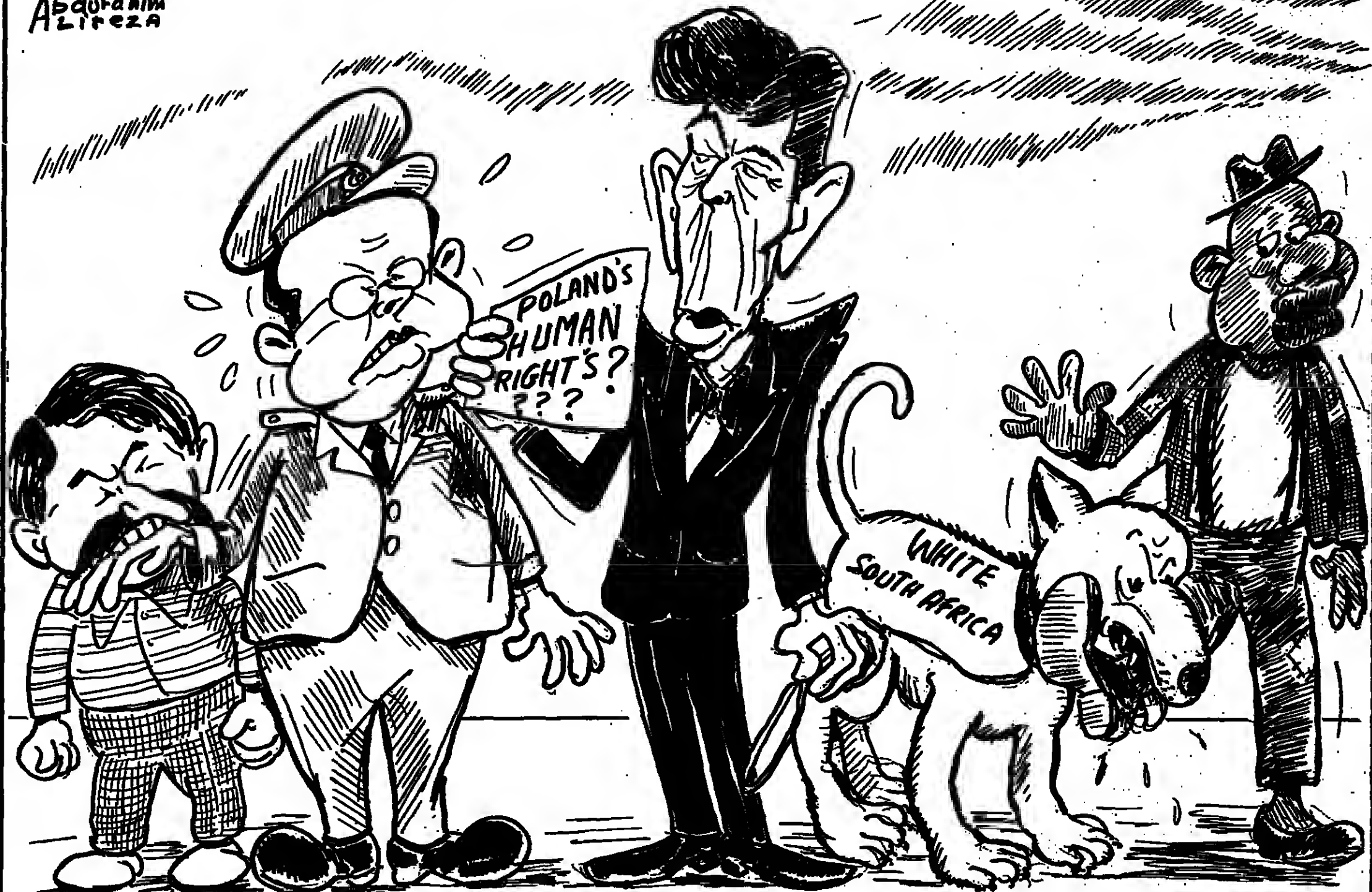
the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries this week, Okaz said the resolutions reflected "the existence of joint Gulf objectives which derived their components from the sublime Islamic faith. The paper said it was extremely important for GCC states to adopt the Islamic Sharia (divine law) as the main basis in formulating their judicial systems.

Al-Jazirah said the council states' commitment to accept the Islamic Sharia as the principal source for their legislative rules was in itself an indirect application of the Islamic faith and Islamic teachings.

Al-Jazirah said the security and stability prevalent in the Kingdom was the result of its strict adherence to the Islamic Sharia and practical application of Islamic teachings.

Meanwhile, Al-Riyadh called on the United States to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and open a dialogue with the organization. (SPA)

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Reagan initiative deserves full support, U.S. author says

By S. Sidahmed
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JEDDAH. — Dr. William Quandt, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, author of four books on the Middle East and a former member of the United States National Security Council during the Nixon and Carter administrations, is currently visiting the Kingdom. He met with the Arab News staff and talked to him on the situation in the Middle East.

The following are the excerpts of the interview.
Q: In your address at the American embassy, you dubbed the Reagan peace initiative as "the last chance." With any American administration, there is always a new initiative for the Middle East, why this one should be the last and what will happen if it fails?

A: I hope I was not exaggerating in saying that it might be the last chance. The reason I am concerned is that the situation in the occupied territories has been changing at a rapid pace, and it becomes more and more difficult to reverse these trends as the Israelis establish substantive settlements there. There may be future initiatives if this one fails, but they will take even more effort than what would be required now. Besides, I am not sure that future initiatives will enjoy the kind of support this one enjoys. For the moment, American public understanding is greater because of the war in Lebanon, the president is still strong and he has public support. It is hard to imagine why in three or four years from now, the situation will be any better.

Moreover, there is a consensus on the Arab side for the first time and one can't count on that to last for ever if no progress is made. And if this initiative fails, there will be some Arab countries who will say we've tried the political approach and we failed, now we have to look into alternatives.

Q: If we go along this, it means that America's ability to make peace will be too minimal. And this changes the argument saying that only the Americans are able to make peace.

A: That is right: if we fail on this example, America's credibility will decline drastically since our commitment was made in the name of the president. It will be very damaging for the American credibility and ability, for it will reinforce the Israeli belief that they can reject American proposals and still get American support. And that is really a bad sign for a superpower not to be able to exert its influence and may help bring the Soviets back into the area.

Q: One of the basic aims of various American initiatives, especially this one, is to exclude the Soviets from the Middle East. Can we really talk about a lasting, durable peace without involving the Soviets?

A: I don't object to the Soviets playing a role and they can really make positive contribution. But the question is in the present circumstances what are they capable of doing? They don't have direct influence on Israel, they can't help bring an end to the occupation. I'd say if there are negotiations to bring this conflict to some kind of an end, we should all be interested in finding the maximum international support for it, including that of the Soviets. Yet this is different from saying that peace will be advanced by having them participate in the negotiations. In the present circumstances, the answer is no.

Q: One of the problems is the question of the American administration's refusal to deal with the PLO, following a commitment by Dr. Kissinger. How come a superpower is tied with a promise made by a secretary of state like this?

A: One should not take commitments lightly. We do have a tradition of taking seriously previous administrations' commitments, but that does not mean there is no way of overcoming it. In this particular case, the commitment was reiterated by successive administrations, including this one which means it became their commitment too. I personally wished this commitment had never been made, but what is needed now is to find a way to keep it from becoming a straight jacket for American diplomacy. We can imagine any number of ways to enable the U.S. and the PLO to start talking, but the question is whether there is a will to do it and to find the substantive content to make it worthwhile and justifiable effort.

Q: Do you think there is an argument now inside the administration to start this dialogue with the PLO?

A: No, I think the administration at this stage hopes to deal primarily with Jordan and Jordan can find a way to include the Palestinians.

Q: What can the Arabs do, in your view, to influence Washington?

A: In the present circumstances where the oil market is favoring importers and the United States has a trade surplus with the Arab world for the first time in years, the only way to put pressure is through the political field. What happened at Fez was an example. And I'd count more on persuasion through the political means than through boycotts and trade embargoes which will be an exercise of futility.

Q: Election years are used as an excuse by American administrations not to take actions in the Middle East. We know that in 1956, Eisenhower forced Israel to withdraw though he was facing an election year. Why can't Reagan do the same?

A: It is possible that Reagan might not be constrained with the election year, but he will definitely find himself in a difficult political situation. In 1956, Eisenhower was extremely popular, the economy

was strong and America was at peace with the rest of the world. Though President Reagan has a certain amount of support, his standing at the polls has declined. The reasons are obvious — a weak economy, prolonged recession and an all-time high unemployment. That means the domestic issues will come to the forefront and foreign policy issues will be in the sidelines.

Q: To what extent do you think the administration is committed to the peace initiative. After all, it seems to be Shultz's initiative.

A: You are correct in seeing the hands of Shultz, but it is important that he convinced Reagan to put his authority behind it. And I think now it enjoys a broad support in the branches of the government. However, the traditional State Department position is close to this initiative for it wanted the U.S. to be in a position of leadership, an even-handed policy between the Arabs and Israel. In the Congress generally it has enjoyed a good support and that is also true in the press and public opinion. We can easily say that this is not an initiative that bears just the names of Reagan and Shultz for most of the Americans feel comfortable by the position taken.

Q: What do you think of the reports saying that the recent Egyptian moves in Beirut and Amman were initiated by Washington so as to put pressure on Israel on one hand and enhance Egypt's coming back to the Arabs?

A: I don't have information on this development, but I do think the United States looks favorably to Egypt's normalization of its relations with the Arabs. The estrangement of Egypt to my judgement was not a desirable development for the U.S. or for the Middle East. We have made a mistake in Camp David by putting all the weight on Egypt. Even when Sadat was most willing to try, he could not speak for the Palestinians. This does not mean that it has no role to play now. Through its relations with Israel, Egypt can exert direct influence on Tel Aviv like the withdrawal of the ambassador which demonstrated to the Israeli public that the kind of behavior Begin and Sharon were engaged in was going to cost them dearly in terms of their relations with the only Arab country with which Israel is at peace.

Q: What is the degree of American responsibility in alienating Egypt from the rest of the Arab world?

A: I think there is a difference between what happened actually at Camp David and what was intended. Even when Sadat went to Jerusalem, I don't think he thought his initiative would end the way it did: only a separate peace treaty. When U.S. organized Camp David, there was a great hope that a broad framework could be established. After all, if Sadat had wanted just a separate peace he could have had that by the end of 1977 with no difficulty at all. It took an additional year and half to demonstrate to Sadat and U.S. that they can't achieve more

than an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

I can easily say that at no point U.S. felt comfortable with an agreement that isolated Egypt from the rest of the Arab world. But once the basic commitment had been made by Sadat he was not prepared to "back off." He was a proud man and was not prepared to admit that he had made a mistake or reverse his policies. When I go back to this situation now, I say to myself what if we had simply aimed honestly at an Israeli-Egyptian agreement from the start. Could anyone have really objected to Sadat if he had said "my goal is to liberate Sinai. I'll get my land back and then support any other Arabs if they want to try to get their land back, but I'll not take responsibility of speaking for the Palestinians or bargaining over their rights." In the end, it would have ended the same way: a separate peace, but without the picture of Egypt somehow undermining the Palestinians. This would have left Egypt as a supporting state for the PLO and not an alternative to it.

Q: Was this option ever raised?

A: Not very seriously. Sadat first and foremost felt he needed to demonstrate that he could achieve some results for the Palestinians in order to justify his own agreement. In the end, he did not get enough to convince anyone.

Q: But what about President Carter's responsibility on this?

A: I don't think there is a question of bad faith, but there may be a question of bad judgment. And I don't think Carter or anyone led to Sadat or misled him or gave him secret guarantees. Sadat is a politician and knew it was a risky business, but there was one major error at Camp David when the American side thought it had a commitment from Begin to freeze building new settlements indefinitely. The promise which was the only thing not given in writing was made in a late-a-tete meeting between Carter and Begin. Accordingly Carter told Sadat and Sadat believed that this is one thing he can demonstrate to have achieved for the Palestinians. The day after the signing of the accords Begin delivered a letter in which Carter discovered that the freeze was only for three months. When Sadat was informed, he said to the Americans "you have left me naked and there is no doubt that he felt extremely vulnerable."

Q: But Moshe Dayan (Israel's foreign minister then) account on this point said that the fault of the misunderstanding falls entirely on the Americans?

A: Dayan's account on this point is not entirely accurate.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Dec. 16, the 350th day of 1982. There are 15 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:
1659 — Scotland's General Monck calls for free parliament.

1809 — Napoleon Bonaparte is divorced from wife Josephine by an act of French senate.

1897 — Peace of Constantinople between Greece and Turkey, settling Crete problem.

1916 — Gregory Respaun, monk who wielded powerful influence over the Russian czar, is murdered.

1944 — German forces begin Battle of the Bulge in Ardennes area of Belgium in World War II.

1970 — Six persons die in rioting over price increases in Poland.

1971 — Indian military forces capture Dacca and Pakistani Army in East Pakistan surrenders. India declares a ceasefire.

1975 — President Gerald Ford rules out any form of U.S. combat interference in war in Angola.

Thought for today:

Pleasure is very seldom where it is sought — Samuel Johnson, English scholar (1709-1784).

S. African whites find refuge in Zimbabwe

By Stephen Taylor

HARARE. — More and more whites are leaving South Africa to live in black-ruled Zimbabwe.

One man who had been a banned person in South Africa says: "I suddenly realized that there was no point in going under all those restrictions when I could have a normal life somewhere else. That's when I decided to come to Zimbabwe." Although nothing like as significant yet as the steady flow of whites from Zimbabwe to South Africa, every month an increasing number are traveling in the opposite direction to seek sanctuary north of the Limpopo.

Their circumstances and motives are diverse. In addition to the political exiles, there are many trying to evade conscription. Others simply want a freedom which South Africa's racial legislation makes impossible. They watch the traffic of whites leaving Zimbabwe with some bewilderment: "I see these people taking the gap and wonder if they know what they are letting themselves in for in

South Africa," says one exile.
At present, they are mainly young whites, reflecting a dislike an experiment which has long-term relevance to South Africa. Refugee workers and local officials believe, however, that as political repression in South Africa increases, more and more blacks will seek refuge here, and plans are being made for a future influx.

A refugee bill is expected to be presented to parliament next year which will make provision for the establishment of refugee camps, as well as defining the activities which refugees may undertake. Thousands of South African nationals are living in Zimbabwe but only between 75 and 100 have been granted refugee status.

Among them is 38-year-old Govin Reddy, a former research officer with the Institute of Race Relations in Durban, who spent four years under a banning order until he fled and claimed asylum here. Reddy, who wanted to live in Zimbabwe because he saw it as being close to home and because he supports Robert Mugabe's socialist

policies, is nevertheless awaiting the day when he can return to an egalitarian South Africa. He echoes a common refrain among the exiles: "Zimbabwe is a lovely country but for us it is really a waiting station."

He acknowledges he was lucky to be granted asylum. Many others have been turned down by the Zimbabwe authorities because of a paradox which makes relations between the government and South Africans who want to live here sensitive and at times uneasy. Having been through their own liberation struggle, Zimbabweans understand and sympathize with South Africans opposed to the Pretoria Administration. But they are concerned about the strains a big influx of refugees would impose on their limited resources.

Security factors are also an important consideration: the government is deeply worried about further infiltration by South African agents who have already been uncovered in sensitive security posts. And there is a fear that if the country plays host to activists it will invite retaliation by South Africa.

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Deep Throat: Alexander Haig fits well enough

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Focusing on the week before and the week after each meeting, I combed *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and all the "Watergate books" that made mention of Haig. I studied Nixon's memoirs, Kissinger's memoirs, the Haig biography—everything I could get my hands on. While some sources established that he definitely was in Washington on a couple of dates, and that he was in Washington shortly before or after other dates, the important point, I felt, was that I could establish that he was not in Washington on only one date: Oct. 9, 1972.

Was Alexander Haig the type of person who would leak on a president he pretended to serve?

This was not a question that needed answering in my own mind, because, based on everything I knew about the man, I had no difficulty believing that Al Haig was capable of duplicitous and self-serving behavior, or of "leaking," either. Rather, I felt an obligation to examine this question "for the record." Others who had worked with Haig had written books in which the general had come under close inspection. Since they knew Haig better than I did, I looked to see what they had to say about him.

I read what former Vice President Spiro Agnew had written about the role Alexander Haig had played in forcing his own resignation. Evidently it had been a job that Nixon had been unwilling to do himself.

In his memoir of the time, *Go Quietly... Or Else*, Agnew says:

"The American people should know that in the last hectic year or more of his residence in the White House, Richard Nixon did not actually administer all the powers of the presidency. As I have stated earlier, it was Gen. Haig who was the de facto president. Haig had the power of the bureaucracy at his command, and the Washington insiders knew he was standing there behind Nixon, pulling the strings. Haig had direct connections with the CIA and the FBI and every other agency. For four years he had been Henry Kissinger's chief deputy with clear access to all the government; his power extended into any agency he chose. The very survival of the Nixon presidency was threatened."

"I am also convinced that Haig desired not only to move me out, but in due course, after someone else had been brought into the vice-presidency, to move Nixon out, too. I really think that by this time, Al Haig already knew enough about the discrepancies in the tapes—and the truth about Nixon's involvement in the Watergate cover-up—to be convinced that eventually the president himself must go. And Haig did not want me in the line of succession."

But if anyone had doubts about Al Haig's ability to turn on Richard Nixon, the story carried in the Dec. 5, 1976 *Washington Star* evidences more than mere disloyalty at a time he was proclaiming his fealty to the man. According to the *Star* article, two months before Nixon resigned, Haig allegedly ordered the army's Criminal Investigations Command to conduct a secret investigation into any Nixon connections with huge cash contributions from countries in the Far East. What, specifically, did Haig want? According to the chief investigator, Haig wanted to know if Jack Canfield and Tony Ulasowicz had traveled to the Far East and brought money back to Nixon. Haig also wanted to know if Nixon had ever been mixed up with organized crime. What did the investigator report? "I concluded that [Canfield and Ulasowicz] probably had gone to Vietnam, and I considered there were strong indications of a history of Nixon connections with money from organized crime." To my knowledge, Al Haig had never commented on his actions in calling for this investigation. But it took little imagination to figure out what he might have done with such information, had he been trying to force Nixon from office. It also took little imagination to appreciate that a man who would institute a secret criminal investigation against the president would have little trouble being the instrument of his ruin.

While I could only speculate about Haig's motives in supplying Woodward with information, there could have been many. The most obvious motive might have been pure disgust with the amateurishness of many of the Watergate-type activities. From the Ellsberg break-in to the Watergate break-in, Liddy and Hunt botched everything. Haig, from his relationship with the National Security Council and the CIA, knew how the

pros operated—and supported the justification that such activities were in the best interest of the nation. Another motive might have been self-protection, since Al Haig appears to have been aware of what the plotters were doing, and may have known how they were doing it. He could have been steering Woodward, and the media in general, away from activities we still don't know about.

In speculating about Deep Throat's possible motives in giving information to Woodward, I also had to keep in mind that, if the man's motives were not sinister, but noble—if he believed the future of the nation was at stake—then an examination of Deep Throat's character and personality would necessarily take on a different slant. I looked again at *All the President's Men*, and found a passage that seemed to sum up the author's assessment of this question:

"The reporters tended to doubt that someone in his position would be so cavalier toward matters affecting Richard Nixon or the presidency itself. More likely, they thought, Deep Throat was trying to protect the office, to effect a change in its conduct before all was lost."

Maybe Woodward and Bernstein were right. I did not find it hard to believe that Deep Throat had acted out of conscience and not malice. In fact, I suspected that most people would prefer to believe this. Nor did I find it hard to believe that Alexander Haig could have given Woodward information because of a strong belief that it was the right thing for the country.

Fourth question: Did Haig have access to the information that Deep Throat had given Woodward?

Roger Morris, who was there at the time, says:

"All the FBI reports came routinely each day to Haig, who from the outset was NSC liaison with the FBI. An FBI agent attached to the NSC staff reported to Haig in internal security matters."

"Later, when everyone scrambled (because of Watergate and its fallout) to avoid responsibility, to present themselves as innocents caught in unseemly circumstances, no investigating body understood—and Haig never admitted—that from Jan. 20, 1969, he was the sole executor of the busy, ongoing NSC-FBI liaison, the 'staff man' for wiretaps."

Al Haig, by his own admission, had a long-standing relationship with the FBI. It appeared the kind of relationship that would enable him to keep abreast of the Watergate investigation without anyone's really knowing it—aside from his sources in the FBI.

Fifth question: Did Haig have unique access to information that only a few people had?

Much of the information that Deep Throat knew was known by many people. While it is impossible to know who might have whispered secrets to whom, thus broadening the circle of knowledge, working logically two particular bits of information that were given to Woodward by his friend easily point to Al Haig.

On March 5, 1973, *Time* magazine broke a story that the White House had wiretapped newsmen and White House aides in an effort to track down leaks. The White House denied the story was true, although it was true. *Time* had cracked this case, but they could not learn from their sources in the FBI and the Justice Department who had been bugged. The records of the taps had been removed by Bill Sullivan, and passed by Bob Mardian to the White House. When the *Time* story broke, the records were in John Ehrlichman's safe.

When Woodward met with his friend in late February, shortly before Pat Gray's confirmation hearings, Deep Throat was able to tell Bob that Gray had been aware of these wiretaps and that the work was done by an "out-of-channels vigilance squad." This last piece of information could have been a deliberate effort to mislead Woodward, since it was not true. Deep Throat also gave Woodward the names of two people who had been tapped: "Hedrick Smith and Neil Sheehan of *The New York Times*." It is the revelation of these names that is the extraordinary information.

I found it interesting that, first, Deep Throat could state flatly that Gray knew about the taps when he was also saying this was not an FBI operation, and when the Watergate special prosecutor would be unable to prove that Gray knew after an intense investigation with the full resources



ALEXANDER HAIG: "The Al Haig I knew was a clever, ambitious bureaucrat, a known 'talker' whose principal loyalty was to the advancement of his own career," says the author.

of the FBI, Justice Department, and several years of digging. Second, the only people who knew the names of those who had been tapped at the time the information was given to Woodward were Richard Nixon, Henry Kissinger, John Ehrlichman, John Mitchell, Bob Mardian, a very small group in the FBI, Bill Sullivan, Mark Fell, and the man who gave the FBI the names—Al Haig.

When you add to this the scarcely known secret that was given to Woodward about the "deliberate erasures" on the court-subpoenaed tape, Haig passes another test that uniquely qualifies him as the most likely person to have been Woodward's friend.

Sixth question: Was there evidence that Deep Throat had continued as a source for Woodward, and did Haig fit that category? The last reported meeting that Woodward had with his friend in *All the President's Men* was that crucial conversation in which he was told of the "deliberate erasures." That meeting allegedly occurred the first week of November, 1973. Yet Bob and Carl continued to report on Watergate for many more months, and, Presumably, Bob continued to receive information from his friend.

Yet it was more than Haig's unique access to particular information that made him a compelling candidate. When Woodward and Bernstein wrote *The Final Days*, Al Haig emerged as a hero, although others who were also there during those days saw Haig much differently. Years ago I had been told that Woodward had made several trips to Brussels during the time he was working on *The Final Days*. Of course, NATO Chief Haig was there in Brussels. Personally, I can't imagine how anyone could read *The Final Days* and not conclude that Haig had been a primary source. But it was the final aspect of this last test that produced the most convincing evidence that Haig was the one.

When I looked to see what, of anything, Bob Woodward might have had to say about Al Haig in recent years, I was incredulous. When Bob returned to *The Washington Post* after his leave of absence from working on *The Brothers*, he became a metropolitan editor. That's where he was when President Reagan nominated Al Haig to become his secretary of state.

On Jan. 15, 1981, at a time when there was considerable renewed controversy over Haig's role in the Nixon White House, Bob Woodward wrote an editorial-page column arguing that the Senate committee consider-

ing Haig's nomination should not try to obtain the White House tapes of his conversations with Nixon as chief of staff. Citing everything from the Supreme Court's tape decision to practical considerations, Woodward was all but giving his official blessing to Reagan's nomination of Haig. Careful not to call Haig "the hero" of Watergate, Bob's column was just the kind of boost Haig's nomination needed at that moment. After all, hero was one of the most knowledgeable Watergate reporters in Washington, in effect saying, "Haig's okay." Yet anyone who was familiar with Haig's actions during his tenure as chief of staff at the Nixon White House, had to know that his performance raised serious questions.

I thought about all I knew about Al Haig personally, what I had learned, that a lot of *Washington Post* insiders felt he was Woodward's friend, that Haig's colleagues at *Time* magazine had placed Haig at the top of their list, and, but for that Oct. 9 meeting, that the evidence seemed incredibly persuasive.

I reviewed and re-reviewed the now voluminous notes from the work that Hays, Pete Kinsey, and I had done during the past several months. We had talked to a lot of people about who might be Woodward's friend. And over the years I had amassed a sizable file. Either by myself, or through others, I had been able to reach into the FBI, the CIA, the Department of Justice, and the Secret Service. I obtained information from people who had served in the Nixon White House, on the National Security Council, plus people associated with potential candidates for Woodward's friend after they had left government or gone on to other places within the government. I had looked at Bob's sixth-floor balcony, where he had once signaled his mysterious friend, tracked down people who had lived in his building, The Webster House of P Street, as part of my pursuit. Also I had uncovered the names of everyone who lived in his neighborhood while he was living there, and a list of who had which offices in the Brookings Institute, from which you can see Woodward's old apartment building. I had obtained information from people who knew Bob at the Pentagon (1969-70), looked at the articles he had written for the *Montgomery County Sentinel*, where he first worked as a reporter, and everything he had written for *The Washington Post* prior to Watergate. I had discussed with people who had worked

with Bob on his books how they were put together, from the original outline for what would become *All the President's Men* through *The Brothers*. I had been able indirectly to obtain information from an ex-wife, and from girls he dated, particularly those who had worked at the Nixon White House. I had also acquired a considerable amount of information about Woodward from his journalistic colleagues, many of whom had spoken freely.

What I found most compelling, and again caused me to pause, was the rather impressive list of extremely knowledgeable people who did not believe there was a Deep Throat, rather he was a fictitious composite. The majority vote of those knowledgeable was clearly against any one person. But I had tried, despite, my own instincts, and considerable evidence that supported the disbelief, to give Woodward the benefit of the doubt. Accordingly, I reached several conclusions:

Deep Throat, as he is presented in *All the President's Men*, is a distorted, near-fictional character and not a true picture of who Bob was dealing with. This was done either to protect his source, to dramatize the character, or through carelessness. And I have serious doubts about the accuracy of the dates and places of meeting between Woodward and his friend.

I am willing to accept, however, that Bob had one particular friend in government who helped guide him, and in turn *The Washington Post*, in their more than commendable work for reporting on Watergate. Together they all changed history, for if Woodward had not had this friend, the *Post* might not have stood alone in sticking to the story until they got the real story.

I believe that Woodward's friend had very mixed motives in helping him, some good and some not so good. It is clear he had hard information on minor details, but speculated on larger facts, and provided a lot of misinformation in the process.

I believe that Bob Woodward's friend was and is Alexander M. Haig, Jr., for the many reasons I have stated.

When I reached these conclusions, I knew I had not proved unequivocally that Alexander Haig was Deep Throat. I was not sure anyone could "prove" who Deep Throat was—except Woodward or Deep Throat himself. But I did feel I had made a very compelling case, and I decided that, while I could not expect Haig to confess, if I was correct in my assessment, fairness required that I tell him of the conclusion I had reached.

Hays Gorey and I decided to contact Haig through an intermediary, tell him of my conclusion, give the basis of my case, and ask him to refute my findings if they were wrong. This contact was made Sunday evening, Oct. 24, 1982. Hays and I sat back, awaiting an immediate rebuttal. Twenty-four hours passed, and we heard nothing. Then forty-eight hours. On the third day an answer came.

Alexander Haig strongly denied that he was Deep Throat. He also stated that he could prove he was not, but he refused to say how he could do so.

What sort of proof might this be? I wondered. There could be none, I thought, except to reveal absolutely that someone else was Deep Throat.

Because the evidence I had accumulated pointed toward Haig—his knowledge of the erased tape and the names of the newsmen who had been wiretapped, his long-standing relationship with the FBI, his general and intimate knowledge of the Nixon White House—it also raised the possibility that Deep Throat might be someone closely associated with Haig, someone close enough to have moved with him from job to job, or traveled with him. It was even possible that Haig had not leaked information himself, but had sanctioned someone else's doing so.

So many permutations were possible, but none seemed as likely to me as the conclusion I had already reached: that Alexander Haig was himself Deep Throat.

(Concluded)

Much ado in Britain about visual TV shock

By Katharine Whitehorn

LONDON (OSS) — Like a three-year-old who has proudly learned to count up to four, the British are beside themselves because they now have four television channels to choose from instead of three.

At the same time, there are plans for the introduction of cable TV, now perfectly ordinary in America, and there is a good deal of genuine worry about the idea of adult programs that can be beamed into houses where there are small children. Naturally enough, there is enormous fuss about all this, but unfortunately protesters are throwing their case away by making as much fuss about unimportant things as about the major issues.

The thing that gets my goat about the protesters is not that they find certain films or certain programs revolting—the horror films or cop series designed to glorify police brutality on their way from America are revolting.

It is not that they wishfully yearn for channels showing only programs they like—I wouldn't mind a channel, myself, that showed nothing but science programs, old movies and the sort of costume serials that let you off having to read the book.

Nor do I blame them for their perfectly justified worry over uncontrolled cable, and their distrust of safeguards. In most families the only person who would understand a locking device would be the children.

And in any event, about the one thing studies of TV and violence have shown is that it is exactly those neglected, maybe disturbed, youngsters whose viewing would be quite unrestricted who would be most likely to copy the violence they saw.

No, what drives me to frenzy is their apparently total inability to distinguish between one kind of offensiveness and another: between a program that's trying to say something a bit way out and difficult that may tread on a few toes, and a film that's straight sadistic exploitation of bloodlust.

They get steamed up about rude words; and I suppose, as one who earns a living with words, I ought to be pleased whenever anyone shows signs of being able to tell one from another.

Then there is the outrage of visual shock. Visual impact is certainly different from the impact of print: written words and the act of reading do provide some sort of mental filter which isn't there when an image hits the eye. But visual shock isn't necessarily reprehensible. I can't stand, myself, to see medical operations—nor snakes, come to that, they make me dream. But cobras and heart transplants don't have to be kept off the screen just to stop me passing out cold on the floor.

The lingering, sticky, sadistic shot of someone slicing into a woman with a razor is horrible, while a surgical operation is not, because what is being done is horrible and a good director could probably make your hair stand on end just as much with something less explicit off camera as he could by showing every detail.

But then what you're discussing is whether there's any need to bring such things to our attention at all. If it's the latest piece of demonic possession it almost certainly isn't: it's a question of El Salvador it probably is. But the fact that something is shocking to see is not, in itself, the concluding argument either way.

The effect of all these goons screaming their heads off about the bits that do not matter is that sophisticated and powerful people are likely to discount any protest about cable TV and so forth altogether; they are creating a situation where there's no middle position between letting anything be shown, anywhere, however frightful, and wanting a single channel with nothing on it but the *Waltons* and the *Muppets*.

Italy's moonlight economy thrives amid recession

By Andrew Hurst

ROME (R) — Ninety percent of ski boots produced in the world come from Monte Bellina in northern Italy though there is not a single officially registered boot factory in the area.

The elusive workers in the small town close to the fashionable ski slopes of the dolomite mountains are just one contingent in a huge moonlight army of cobblers, tailors and mechanics that are keeping afloat Italy's battered economy.

Economists told an academic conference held recently that while the country's official economy faces the icy blast of recession, Italy's "submerged economy" employing some four million workers is still growing.

The moonlight workers toil long hours, mostly in small workshops, and cost the Italian exchequer hundreds of millions of dollars in unpaid taxes. Some experts have estimated that the Italian economy could be as much as 20 percent bigger than the official figures would have the world believe. One American banker said that the true figure could be even higher than that.

The submerged industries have so far been able to resist the onslaught from Third World exporters because of low costs, extreme flexibility and high quality of their goods,

according to economists at the conference, organized by the Italian Council for Social Science.

The rise of the moonlight economy has been traced to the late 1960s when the country's industrial north was torn by strife, triggering a wage explosion which blunted the competitive edge of many big companies.

Skyrocketing costs in industry gave a new lease of life to Italy's vast army of craftsmen. Many of them had been thrown out of jobs only a few years before by the spread of mass production methods in industry as the economy boomed in the 1950s and early 1960s. Thousands of seamstresses found New Work when businesses started farming out work to them.

In Tuscany, in central Italy, hundreds of skilled workers who were fired from a scooter factory in Pontre Evedra in the 1950s turned their hands to leather tanning, making the nearby town of Santa Croce a major producer of shoe leather.

Experts say it is often difficult to know where the official economy ends and the moonlight economy begins. "The fact is that there are probably more than two million people working in the official economy who have second jobs in the moonlight economy which they prefer to keep quiet about for tax reasons," says Professor Luciano Gallino, a

sociologist at Turin University.

Many "official" companies farm out work to moonlight workers and some employ them directly on a part-time basis. Half the workers in my gardening business are undeclared and put in a few hours' work in the late afternoon after clocking off at the nearby Fiat works," says Riccardo, who runs a small business near Turin. "Of course, if I told the taxman I was employing these people I would go bust overnight," he adds laconically.

But whole industries are almost entirely "submerged" and have developed an elaborate organization of their labor.

"As demand has grown for the bidden economy's products, it has become increasingly specialized and efficient, developing its own economies of scale," says Paolo Leon, an economist at Rome University. People have also found that mass production under one roof is not always the most effective way of going about their business.

"In the submerged shoe industry, for example, you will get one workshop employing at most 10 persons making only heels, while another produces soles and a third specializes in uppers. A fourth workshop will carry out the assembly," said Leon.

Buyers from world-famous stores like Macy's in New York and Harrods in London,

who insist on the highest standards, purchase directly from the assembly company and keep it informed of changes of fashion.

Individual towns have carved out their own areas of specialization. The Adriatic town of Pesaro is famed for its jeans while the area around Modena, in central Italy, produces high-quality machinetoil components.

Experts attribute the survival of the moonlight shoe and clothes manufacturers in the face of Third World competitors to their ability to adapt speedily to changes in fashion. "Countries like Brazil and India can produce shoes very cheaply in big factories because of low labor costs, but they can be very cumbersome at switching their range of products if there is a change in public taste," says one student of the industry.

Italy's flourishing moonlight economy, which generates wealth and provides work for millions, is not without its critics, many of whom are unhappy with the government's attitude of benign neglect. Many moonlight workers think nothing of working 16 hours a day and the accident rate in most clandestine workshops is thought to be high. But most Italians, while lamenting what they see as the anarchic state of their country, are proud of its flair and entrepreneurial dynamism.



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With exports falling

Japan economy seen running out of steam

TOKYO, Dec. 15 (AFP) — Sluggish exports and skimpier company profits are enough to show that Japan's nicely-rounded economic expansion is now under threat.

As little as a year ago, Japan was a shining light in the international gloom. Now the dark mists of recession are drifting this way.

The recent political crisis here reflected dissent within the Japanese "establishment" as to the best way of coping with the harsher economic climate. For there is little doubt that Japan must sail a new tack if its balanced growth, still maintained in 1980 despite two oil price jumps, is to continue.

A glance at the parameters customarily adopted for measuring a nation's economic performance shows that Japan still has much to envy. Its payments are currently \$7.2 billion in surplus. Its inflation is only three or four percent despite sharp depreciation of the yen for much of the year, the official unemployment rate is below 2.4 percent.

The Japanese can be proud, too, of their 3.4 percent real terms growth, even though this falls short of the initially targeted 5.2 percent.

Exports have been the driving force behind this growth, but they lack their erstwhile vigor and the yen's depreciation has failed to give them a lift this time.

In the first nine months of 1982, the year-on-year fall worsened from one or two percent to 10 percent. Not only has demand contracted in the key markets, but Japan has

exercised restraint as in the case of automobiles, and seen its exports hampered by others as in the case of video tape recorders.

Output cuts are being applied in branches like audio equipment and electronics, while certain companies are diversifying, Nissan for example into armaments.

Official unemployment figures remain low and the social ills of the works are less evident than abroad, but the true jobless situation is probably much worse than the official picture reveals if allowance is made for all those who would gladly work if they could.

The drop in the yen, coupled with falling demand, has hit company profits. In a recent survey of half the 900 firms quoted on the stock exchange the newspaper *Nihon Keizai* found that profit between April and September declined by 17 percent on a year earlier. This is the first such decline since 1977, and the paper said it was worse than anticipated.

Struggling with a weak home market, industry has for months been urging a Keynesian type boost. It is suggested that Japan's trading partners would welcome this chance to increase their product sales here.

Easier monetary policy, ruled out as long as the yen was weak, now seems realistic as a means of stimulating demand, as the yen has gained 10 percent on the dollar.

U.N. commodity fund in peril

LONDON, Dec. 15 (LOS) — A new international fund designed to steady world commodity prices is in danger of collapsing, largely because rich countries drove such a hard bargain in negotiations that many poor countries have lost interest.

The common fund for commodities is "unfinished business" from the 1944 Bretton Woods conference which set up the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. The economist J.M. Keynes argued then for an international trade authority that could help steady commodity prices.

Not until 1977 did rich and poor countries begin to negotiate the fund. That was at UNCTAD — the UN Conference on Trade and Development — where it was proposed

Congressmen get 15% pay hike

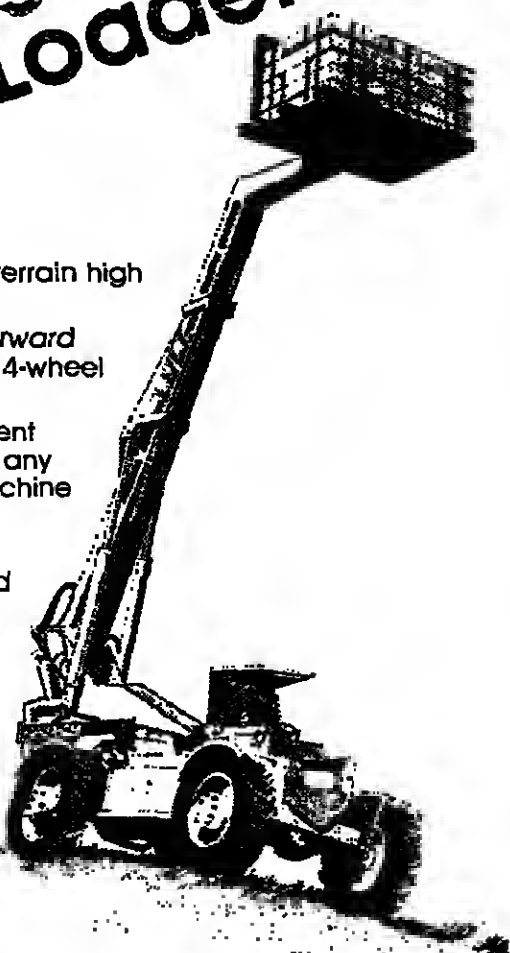
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) — The House of Representatives approved 303-109 on Tuesday a \$9,138 pay raise for itself and the Senate. The 15 percent increase would put salaries of members of the U.S. Congress at \$69,800 annually.

Then, on 208-208 tie, the House defeated a move to rescind the raise it had just approved.

The issue now goes to the Senate, where tough opposition was expected. Earlier, the Senate voted 54-38 to repeal a limit on outside income for its members.

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Boon to industry

EEC lauds new MFA accord

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15 (AFP) — The new textile multilateral arrangement (MFA) for 1982-86 has given the European textile industry a four-year "breathing space", chief EEC textile negotiator Horst Krenzler has said.

And, in London, British Trade Minister Lord Cockfield told parliament that the new MFA had struck a fair balance between the interests of Third World countries and those of industrialized nations.

On Monday the EEC confirmed its participation in the MFA after finally clinching a textile accord with South Korea, the last of 26 countries with which the community has been holding bilateral textile talks over the past 12 months.

In terms of the accords, Krenzler said, import quotas from the major low-cost textile producers — Hong Kong, South Korea, Macao and Taiwan — will be cut by between 6.3 to 8.6 percent.

These four producers together account for nearly half of EEC textile imports from MFA countries. As a result, the growth of 1983 imports will be under five percent.

And some countries, such as Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, the Philippines and India, will even be able to step up textile exports to the EEC.

Krenzler said he was particularly pleased

Canada assures

Pakistan farm aid

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 15 (AP) — Arthur Wright, vice president of the Canadian International Development Agency, assured the Pakistan government of his country's continued assistance in farm development and research.

Wright, on a visit to Pakistan for studying rain-fed farming, said these lands face the threat of waterlogging and salinity. Rain-fed farming is spread over six million hectares and has become important because of severe pressure on canal-irrigated lands.

Canada is already assisting Pakistan in research and development of farming, systems, farm range management, oilseeds production, and the evolution of large-scale, rain-fed farming operations.

Wright said he will continue discussions on the farm development plans with officials of the Pakistan agricultural research council, a government agency.

that agreement had been reached between all parties on three points: The "anti-surge mechanism" allowing the EEC to prevent a sudden flood of textile imports even if these fell within quota allowances. The "anti-fraud" clause allowing the EEC to deduct from existing quotas all fraudulent imports, such as particular products to come from one country but actually made in another. But this can be done only after the failure of talks with the offending country.

A clause allowing the EEC to introduce new import curbs for imports that threaten to disrupt the domestic market.

Krenzler noted that the growth in imports of particularly "sensitive" products such as cotton thread, synthetic textile, T-shirts, trousers, blouses and pull-overs would be pegged at an average 0.9 percent a year. Less sensitive imports would grow around three percent and the balance of textile imports at 4.5 percent, he added.

Lord Cockfield said that the MFA would give the British textile industry better protection against textile imports over the next four years by pegging the growth of these imports to one percent a year.

He added that the eight British textile products most vulnerable to competition from imports would enjoy even better protection. The previous MFA allowed textile imports to grow four percent a year.

The EEC had threatened to withdraw from the MFA if it failed to sign satisfactory deals to curb textile imports from the big low-cost producing countries, particularly Hong Kong, Macao and South Korea.

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Win contracts worth \$15b Turkish firms enjoy boom

ISTANBUL, Dec. 15 (R) — Turkish construction companies are enjoying a boom across North Africa and throughout the Middle East, winning contracts worth \$15 billion — 10 times what they had on their books four years ago.

Some 150 Turkish companies are now at work abroad, almost all in the Middle East and North Africa, building dams, tunnels, housing schemes, factories, sporting centers and other projects. In the late 1970s a rock-bottom domestic market forced Turkish contractors to look overseas to fill their order books.

Contracts won abroad by Turkish companies since 1978 have increased tenfold to a total value at the end of this year of around \$15 billion, according to various estimates.

Contractors say the keys to their success are expertise and experience built up over 25 years at home, the relative cheapness of Turkish labor, cultural ties and closeness to the Middle East and a record of finishing on time.

But the construction companies' success, an outstanding feature of Turkey's economic recovery in the past few years, has not been achieved without problems.

Contractors have had difficulties getting foreign loans because of Turkey's recent history of political and economic turmoil. To get loans many firms have been forced into partnerships with foreign firms. Now bankers and

contractors say a major step is being taken toward solving the problems.

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) is arranging a major lending scheme. Contractors estimate it will enable Turkish firms to finance contracts worth a total of around \$2 billion and generate employment for some 20,000 people.

Bankers say the IFC facility is as important as a symbol of growing international confidence in Turkish firms. "It's a sign of confidence in Turkish contractors which could help to attract more foreign banks," one foreign banker said in Istanbul.

Large American bankers are also becoming interested in the contractors' success. The bank played a leading role in getting initial backing for a \$425 million water project in Saudi Arabia to be run by the Turkish firm Tefken.

In April, the bank also put together loan for the companies Enka and Kuduas which won a joint \$384 million contract to build a housing complex in Saudi Arabia.

Citibank is also thinking of financing Turkish construction companies. A bank official said they had made about 30 site visits on projects by top companies and assessed nearly a third as excellent, none fell below a "very good" rating.

Turkish contractors are confident that although a leveling off in the rate of new contracts is inevitable, they will be able to sustain their high success rate abroad.

Caracas faces liquidity crisis

CARACAS, Dec. 15 (R) — Continuing uncertainty over the stability of Venezuela's economy is seriously affecting its debt refinancing plans and could contribute to a liquidity crisis in the near future, banking and financial sources said.

Despite the consolidation of foreign reserves in September, capital outflows are still high and several sources said the government must show clearly that it is in control of the situation.

One foreign banker said government leaders have to convince the international banking community they have a coherent strategy to manage their budget and reserves.

News over the week-end that the government will tap \$1.75 billion of the oil industry's \$4.1 billion investment reserve confirms the strains being felt in treasury finances, the sources said.

The money is being used to pay government debts to three major banks suffering liquidity shortages, Banco de Los Trabajadores, Banlagro and Banco Industrial. There was little option but to use the state-owned Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA) funds to head off a banking crisis, they said.

The government, meanwhile, has been unable to get its \$18.1 billion 1983 budget through congress as the opposition insists on waiting for outcome of the Dec. 19 OPEC conference.

Next year's budget was based on output of 2.1 million barrels of oil per day (bpd), but a return to Venezuela's 1.5 million bpd OPEC quota would knock around 25 percent off budgeted export income of \$15.8 billion, the sources noted.

Venezuela's major short-term problem remains that of refinancing its \$8.7 billion short-term debt in the face of growing resistance from European and Japanese banks, the sources said.

A number of Venezuelan agencies have been hard hit by the unwillingness of European and U.S. regional banks to lend to Latin America. The result has been a series of late payments as well as shortfalls in the refinancing program.

The first two loans signed, for Fondur and Inavi, were relatively well received with a 75 percent commitment and a shortfall of \$215 million out of \$1.08 billion.

The Corporation Venezolana de Fomento

has so far only secured short-term bridging finance for \$448 million which came due late this year, and even this fell short by \$91 million.

Signing of a \$372 million loan for water authority was delayed last week when a number of banks pulled out following late payments by the agency. A condition of the refinancing program is that agencies remain current on existing obligations.

Banking sources said confidence in Venezuela has been shaken by both crisis and the existence of bank rescue plans for Argentina, Brazil and Mexico make the banking community less inclined to get further involved in Latin America.

The government's liquidity problems stem not only from foreign banks withdrawing credit but also from the fact that both treasury and central bank foreign reserves are tied up to a large extent.

U.K. health union rejects strike call

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP) — Britain's biggest union in the National Health Service dispute rejected its leader's call for an all-out strike without assuring emergency services, but voted to continue selective one-day walkouts in support of their pay claim.

The 130,000 members of the Confederation of Health Service Employees voted 10 to 1 against an all-out strike, but remained opposed to the Conservative government's two-year pay increase offer of 7.5 percent for nurses and 6 percent for other workers this year, and 4.5 percent in 1983.

The Union voted for new negotiations to start on a one-year pay deal, offering the same percentage increases to ancillary workers as nurses.

The 100,000-member National and Local Government Officers Association and two smaller unions voted to accept a pay rise offer of 6 percent.

The 14-million health services committee of Britain's Trades Union Congress labor federation was to meet Wednesday to decide whether to continue the health workers' fight for raises of 12 percent. The unions represent a total of 750,000 workers.

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Withholding goods to Soviets

U.S., France agree on trade study

PARIS, Dec. 15 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz and French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson announced agreement on a study to develop a new Western trade strategy with the Soviet Union aimed at withholding Western goods that would enhance Soviet military strength.

The surprise disclosure that the French had agreed to the study came hours after Shultz had appeared at a press conference where he indicated the French still had major questions and were not yet in agreement. He had said at the press conference it was "irrelevant" whether France had agreed or not.

But reporters received a last-minute invitation to a banquet given by Cheysson in Shultz's honor at which the two men announced the framework of the study. As described by Shultz, the major points are: A study to strengthen an informal international organization known as Cocom which coordinates export controls of goods thought to have military potential.

A further study within Cocom on what if anything should be done to prevent high technology goods, possibly including oil and gas equipment, which do not have direct military application but may be related to overall security interests, from reaching the Soviet Union. A study in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development to keep track of financial and trade flows between the Soviet bloc and the West.

A study, also within the OECD, to study

alternate sources of energy for Europe and whether Europe's current move to import natural gas from the Soviet Union constitutes a long-term security threat.

Another study, also in the OECD, to make sure that the West is not providing the Soviet Union with resources that strengthen its military capability and undermine Western efforts to build up their own military strength. Shultz said the individual studies may be brought together and given further consideration by NATO, especially those related to security.

According to both Shultz and Cheysson, NATO will be given a major role in developing an overall new trade strategy after the studies are completed. Shultz said Japan, which is not a NATO member but is a

member of OECD should also be included in the new strategy and ways will be found to do this.

Cheysson said he hopes the "first conclusions" of the study will be ready for consideration at the NATO foreign ministers' meeting in Paris in June and also at the seven-nation international economic summit conference in Williamsburg, that same month.

Shultz said other allies would be consulted on the agreements reached in Paris, especially since they go beyond the result of a U.S.-backed trade study announced in Washington last month from which France dissented.

The agreement announced Tuesday night means France apparently is solidly behind the studies.

W. German jobless seen at 3m

KIEL, West Germany, Dec. 15 (R) — Unemployment in West Germany will soar to nearly three million or about 12.5 percent of the workforce in early 1984, the Kiel Institute of World Economics said Wednesday.

The institute said the figure was probably the highest level unemployment would reach in the current recession. The jobless total rose to 2.04 million or 8.4 percent last month and Chancellor Helmut Kohl has described it as the most urgent problem facing his new center-right government.

Although the German unemployment rate is low compared with that in countries like the United States, Britain and Canada, its rapid rise has caused widespread alarm.

The Kiel institute predicted that an average of 2.4 million people would be out of work next year, in line with the government's own figure of 2.35 million but nearly double the 1.27 million recorded in 1981.

The West German gross national product, the broadest measure of economic performance, was expected to fall by one percent this year and the institute said zero growth in 1983 was the best that could be hoped for due

to industry's present weakness.

Inflation, which last month fell to an annual 4.5 percent, will probably still be above three percent at the end of 1983, underpinned by a rise in value added tax next July, the institute said.

Wage settlements next year will probably average about three percent, restrained by the fear of unemployment but also influenced by the likelihood inflation will be over four percent when negotiations take place this winter, it said.

The first shots have already been fired in the 1983-84 wage round, with the giant metal engineering union demanding a 6.5 percent rise nationwide and 7.5 percent in the Southern state of Baden-Wuerttemberg.

Employers have already dismissed the demand as unrealistic and Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg has urged the union to reconsider.

The Kiel institute criticized the new government for failing to develop a medium-term program and said its policies would lead to falling demand and declining economic activity in this winter.

Jakarta favors OPEC quota hike

JAKARTA, Dec. 15 (R) — Energy Minister Subroto left for the Vienna OPEC meeting saying he will seek a higher production quota but his main objective is to hold the OPEC together.

There is a real danger the OPEC price structure will collapse, he told Reuters in an interview, and the problem is not only to defend it from external pressures, but also from internal ones.

Informed sources said Indonesia feels that continued arguing over production levels will serve little purpose and what is really needed is reaffirmation by all members of support for the organization.

It is possible that Subroto, last year's OPEC president, will suggest the calling of an OPEC summit at the earliest opportunity followed by another ministerial meeting no later

than February, the sources said.

Subroto and the oil ministers of Algeria and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) might offer to undertake a tour of all member countries to help organize such a summit, they added.

Subroto said "we are looking for three things — firstly, and of the utmost importance, is to preserve OPEC's unity, secondly is to defend the \$34 a barrel benchmark price, and finally we are looking for an increase in our quota."

Jakarta would like its present OPEC-imposed 1.5 million barrel per day (bpd) production ceiling raised to "at least 1.5 million particularly in view of our budget limitations and constraints for 1983-84," Subroto said.

Industrial output dips anew in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) — Industrial production in American factories and mines dropped 0.4 percent in November, the government reported Wednesday. It was the 14th decline in the past 16 months and yet another signal that the recession is persisting.

The Federal Reserve Board's index of production fell to 135.6 percent of its 1967 base, the lowest point of the 1981-82 recession so far.

Because production cutbacks usually mean layoffs of workers, the new decline would seem to indicate that the unemployment rate is likely to continue rising above November's 10.8 percent, already the highest in 42 years.

It there was a positive sign in the new report, it would be that last month's overall output decline of 0.4 percent was smaller than the 0.8 percent recorded in September and October.

In November, the report said, "cutbacks in output were concentrated in motor vehicles, metals and a number of business equipment industries."

OECD inflation touches new low

PARIS, Dec. 15 (R) — Inflation in the 24 member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) fell last October to its lowest level since early 1973, the OECD said.

Consumer prices rose an annual 7.2 percent in October, compared with 7.4 percent in September and 10.4 percent in October last year. Over the month prices increased 0.5 percent against 0.6 percent in September and in October last year.

The OECD, which includes the world's leading non-Communist industrial powers, said the slight deceleration in the monthly increase reflected favorable retail food developments.

Nepal's trade gap set at \$252.5m

KATMANOU, Dec. 15 (AFP) — Nepal faced a record trade deficit of \$252.5 million for the fiscal year ending in July 1982, according to figures released by the National Export Trade Development Council (NETDC).

Exports for the year totaled \$111.59 million while imports stood at \$364.16 million. The wide gap has been attributed to an "inadequate generation" of surplus production.

Nepal's chief exports of rice and other grains failed to materialize due to last year's drought and this year's late monsoon. Government restriction on timber exports contributed to the trade deficit as well.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (R) — French retail prices rose an estimated one percent in November, after a 0.5 percent rise in October, the statistics institute, Insee, said. The institute gave no year-on-year figure for inflation, but economists calculated it at 4.4 percent after 9.3 percent in the year to October.

PEKING, (AFP) — An agency has been set up to collect taxes from oil companies joining in offshore operations with China, the New China News Agency reported Wednesday. No reason was given by NCA for the separate ministry's setting up of an agency separate from the existing ones for the handling of foreign companies and joint-venture companies operating in China.

SYDNEY, (R) — One of the world's most famous trains, the Indian-Pacific linking Sydney and Perth, has been stopped in its tracks by a union dispute, a spokesman for Australian National Railways said Wednesday. The trans-continental train had not run since Dec. 4 because of a row over how many staff should be aboard and there appears little prospect of it being back in service in the near future, he added.

TORONTO, (R) — Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce said it is lowering its prime rate to 12.5 percent from 13 percent effective Friday. Canadian Imperial is the first bank to move to the 12.5 percent level.

PARIS, (R) — France's official gold and foreign currency reserves rose 1.92 billion francs in November to 257.01 billion after a 1.17 billion rise in October, the economy ministry said. In November last year official reserves were 328.45 billion francs.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Sales by U.S. companies dropped 2.2 percent in October to \$332 billion, the sharpest fall since 1975, the Commerce Department said. Since production was well down, stocks dipped 0.1 percent.

ROME, (R) — Italian industrial output, seasonally adjusted, fell a provisional 4.1 percent in October after rising 20.3 percent in September, the National Statistics Institute, Istat, said. Year-on-year seasonally adjusted output fell a provisional 5.4 percent in October compared with a 5.9 percent year-on decline in September.

LONDON, (R) — Manufacturing output in Britain fell to a new 15 year low in October, central statistical office said. Manufacturing production in October fell provisionally 0.6 percent after a 0.2 percent rise in September, and was 3.1 percent lower than a year ago, provisional statistical office figures show.

Dollar regains lost ground

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 — The dollar picked up on some lost ground on the European Wednesday markets, compared to the more panicky reactions of Tuesday that saw the dollar fall sharply. Dealing on Wednesday was still basically quiet with traders concentrating on covering year-end positions as well as minimizing losses from short-term currency fluctuations.

On the money markets, Eurodollar deposit rates were generally quiet but some minor adjustment in rates took place that saw the shorter end of the market firm by 1/16 to 1/8 percent. The one-month tenor is now quoted at around 9 7/16 percent — up from the 9 5/16 percent seen Tuesday after the markets reacted volatily to the Federal Reserve's surprise 1/2 percent discount rate cut more.

On Wednesday, European dealers were still cautiously assessing the probability of seeing another surprise "Fed" move prior to the year-end and opinion was mixed on this aspect, with some dealers expecting another 1/2 percent cut soon while others arguing that the "Fed's" move has had the desired effect of showing down and perhaps reversing the dollar's firming trend on the money markets.

The bullion markets, which had reacted also to volatility Tuesday to the interest rate uncertainties, was back on a steadier course on Wednesday. Gold prices fell back to \$438 an ounce after reaching nearly \$450 levels the previous day, while silver's fall was dramatically illustrated when it fell back to \$10.35 levels from Tuesday's \$10.98 / \$11.00 an ounce. Bullion dealers

are still warning of more volatility in the markets with silver being the most affected.

Locally, the rial money markets seemed once again obvious to what was happening around them with rates easing off by another 1/2 percent. The week-fixed rate has fallen to 6 - 6 1/2 percent and seemed to stabilize there for the time being, while the one-month tenor has fallen 6 1/2 - 7 1/2 percent compared to 7 1/2 percent a week ago. Dealing was thin and went hardly beyond the two-month tenors, but some interest for lending was expressed in the 3 to 6-month periods at around 7 1/2 percent - 7 3/4 percent levels.

On the spot exchanges, spot prices ranged between 3.4398-03 on opening to 3.4400-05 by close of business. The pickup in spot prices reflected some last minute interbank activity but volume were still small.

In Europe, the dollar regained some ground against the major currencies but results were patchy with the British pound and Japanese yen hardly moving ground while the German mark, Swiss franc and French franc losing some ground to the dollar. The latest European Wednesday rates were the British pound at 1.6150, the French franc at 6.9520, the Swiss franc at 2.0930, and the German mark at 2.4560 levels.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	434.50
Paris	435.13
Frankfurt	437.00
Zurich	437.00
Hong Kong	437.15

Brandt urges fair deal to poor

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (AP) — An international commission chaired by former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt called Tuesday for urgent action to deal with worsening economic relations between the world's rich and poor nations.

The independent commission on international development issues was to unveil Wednesday its program of emergency measures for problems that have worsened since its 1980 report on relations between industrial countries in the North and developing countries in the South.

The commission said that with virtually all countries facing high unemployment and sagging economies, the developed nations are less-willing to sacrifice for the others.

"I would never admit it was too late," Brandt, speaking to about 100 members of parliament, senators and observers, said of the commission's gloomy portrayal of the world economic situation. "The time of crisis may be the time for changes, for new impulses," Brandt said.

Siridath "Sonny" Ramphal, Commonwealth secretary general, stressed that recovery in industrial countries depends on improving the economic health of developing countries so they can buy more goods. "There may be no better times for the North unless there are better times for the South," he said.

The commission, wrapping up three days of private talks here, plans to update its 1980 conclusions by recommending emergency action in four areas — finance and trade, food and agriculture, energy, and international organizations.

Financial issues — revolving around the threatened bankruptcies of dozens of developing countries — will be the main thrust, said Brandt. The commission's message to the Canadian parliamentarians was of tragedy and crisis for the developing nations. Brandt used the term depression, rather

than recession, to describe the state of industrial nations. Ramphal predicted 1983 "will be very much worse" for most countries than 1982, the worst year since World War II.

Ramphal indirectly criticized Canada, which has recently cut its foreign aid budget, by saying too many countries have "slipped rather badly" in their recognition of the interdependence of countries and the need to help others.

At the same time, he praised Canada's record as "a symbol of internationalism," noted its potential as "a bridge builder."

Peking, Ankara sign agreement

PEKING, Dec. 15 (AFP) — China and Turkey signed an economic, technical and cultural cooperation agreement for 1983 and 1984 in Peking Wednesday.

The signing was mentioned by Premier Zhao Ziyang and Turkish President Kenan Evren at a banquet here Wednesday night. Evren had met with top Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping and party General Secretary Hu Yaobang during the day.

The first Turkish president to make an official visit to China since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two in 1971. Evren had, during talks with the Chinese leaders, extended an invitation to the leaders to visit Turkey. New China News Agency said.

Gen. Evren arrived here Monday for a four-day visit to China, the first leg of a tour which will then take him to Indonesia, Bangladesh and South Korea. The chief aim of his trip is to find new ways for Turkish exports in order to reduce the nation's heavy trade deficit.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.110
Bangladesh Taka	14.35
Belgian Franc (1,000)	72.15
Canadian Dollar	279.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	141.10
Dutch Guilder (100)	128.25
Egyptian Pound	3.25
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.25
French Franc (100)	49.85
Greek Drachma (1,000)	48.70
Indian Rupee (100)	35.38
Israeli Sheqel (100)	6.25
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.50
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.15
Jordanian Dinar	9.66
Kuwait Dinar	11.86
Lebanese Lira (100)	87.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	54.63
Pakistan Rupee (100)	26.59
Philippines Peso (100)	38.20
Pound Sterling	5.59
Qatari Riyal (100)	93.50
Singapore Dollar (100)	159.45
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	30.20
Swiss Franc (100)	163.50
Syrian Lira (100)	60.25
Turkish Lira (1,000)	75.30
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Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Asphalting pavement and lighting of Najran	227	5,000	Jan. 15
Directorate of Health Affairs, Hail Region	Catering for Hajj Hospital, 1403-4	—	500	Jan. 8
Interior Ministry, College of Internal Security Forces	Setting up a training hall	—	4,000	Dec. 18
University of Petroleum and Minerals	Maintenance of campus gardens	—	250	Dec. 15
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Supervision of Tabuk beautification project	229	1,000	Jan. 4
	Filling-in of low lying areas in Rafha (Third time)	2/230	500	Jan. 16

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 30ND SAFAR 1403/15TH DECEMBER 1982

1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:

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3.	Seaborne	Al Tawi	Milk/Trucks/Gen.	14.12.82
4.	Ibn Sina	Kanoo	Contrs/Gen./Steel	14.12.82
5.	Mina 'P	El Hawi	Sugar	9.12.82
6.	Giorgis	Kanoo	Containers/Rice	10.12.82
7.	Samira	Abdullah	Contrs/Gen.	13.12.82
8.	Vincentia	Al Tawil	Contr/Truck	14.12.82
9.	Nicol Mylo	Barnadiah	Sugar	14.12.82
10.	Barber Memon	Barber	Contrs/Gen.	14.12.82
11.	Reef Star	O.C.E.	Reefer	14.12.82
12.	Stratheden	A.E.T.	Containers	14.12.82
14.	Hamanasu	O.C.E.	Apples/Pears	14.12.82
15.	Futami Maru	Alireza	Gen./Vehe.	14.12.82
16.	Al Khames II	Abdullah	Contrs	6.12.82
17.	Islam	O.Trade	Steel/Pipes/Gen.	5.12.82
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19.	Strinda	Alasabah	Bulk Cement	5.12.82
20.	Recalada Light	Al Rawil	Bagged Barley	4.12.82
23.	Merkur Bay	S.C.S.A.	Containers	6.12.82
24.	Kawkab One	Star	Best/Chicken/Fruit	5.12.82
25.	Saudi Eagla	M.E.S.A.	Sugar/General	2.12.82
26.	Attica Reefer	O.C.E.	Reefer	29.11.82
28.	Pagassiticos Gulf	Alhwal	Wheat/Rice/Contrs.	25.11.82
31.	Qiarough	Al Tawil	Cars/Gen.	1.12.82
34.	Ming Hope	Mineo	Contrs.	6.12.82
36.	Khrudzhnik Repin	A.E.T.	Containers	7.12.82
36.	Mieczyslaw Kalinowski	Atar	Contrs.	7.12.82
37.	Ville Du Havre	Shobokshi	Containers	5.12.82
38.	Maldiva Sea	O.Trade	Tobacco/Steel/Gen.	4.12.82

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8.	Lalazar	SEA	General	6.12.82
10.	Fajar	Saite	Bagged Barley	2.12.82
12.	Africa Maru	AET	Gen.Conts.	5.12.82
13.	Gold Cloud	Orri	General	5.12.82
14.	Saudi Sunrise	Orri	General	4.12.82
16.	Oriental Venus	Saite	Bagged Rice	1.12.82
17.	Barakath	Orri	General	1.12.82
19.	wah Hing	Gosaibi	General	3.12.82
24.	Mayniglit	Orri	Gen./Cont.	6.12.82
26.	Ibn Al Afkani	Kanoo	Containers	6.12.82
28.	Clara Clausen	Kanoo	Live Stock	6.12.82
29.	Kaderbaksh	SEA	Rice/Gen.	5.12.82
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At the expense of Lawson's wicket

Aussies do it in just 90 minutes

ADELAIDE, Dec. 15 (AP) — England's Test cricket stocks are in a shambles following the demoralizing eight-wicket victory by Australia in the third Test here Wednesday — and captain Bob Willis lays some of the blame on his country's lack of genuine pace-men.

Willis says England is having to hire overseas pace bowlers for county games because it cannot produce its own. "There's a definite lack of appetite among our youth to run in and bowl fast," he said.

Other than Willis, England's only other genuinely quick bowler on this tour is 21-year-old Jamaican-born Norman Cowans, who found himself axed from the English side for the Adelaide Test after limited opportunities.

Meanwhile, Australian wicketkeeper Rod Marsh summed up the jubilation of the Australian team after they had sealed victory in just 90 minutes Wednesday. "We're leaving them for dead" shouted Marsh, as the Adelaide Oval dressing rooms resounded with songs of victory and the Australian team toasted their 2-0 lead in the Ashes series with only two Tests to go.

Resuming at 3 for 1, Australia took only 85 minutes getting the 80 runs needed for victory, after losing the toss and being sent into bat on the first day.

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WEE BIT LATE: Australian Geoff Lawson, who was adjudged the man of the match, is a wee bit late in hooking a Botham delivery as England's Derek Randall ducks in anticipation during the last day's play in the third Test at Adelaide.

To snatch point off Yugoslavia

Wales stages magnificent rally

TITOGRAD, Yugoslavia, Dec. 15 (AP) — Wales came twice from two goals behind to force a 4-4 draw with Yugoslavia in a European Soccer Championships qualifying Group Four match here Wednesday.

The draw put Wales atop the group standings which they share with Norway, both teams have three points and an identical goal-difference. Wales, however, have a game in hand. Yugoslavia also have three points but an inferior goal-difference.

It was a well-earned draw for the Welsh side, who were trailing 1-3 and 2-4 before coming back strongly in the last 20 minutes. Yugoslavia led 3-2 at halftime, after having themselves fought back from an early 0-1 deficit.

Wales stunned the capacity 20,000 crowd with a fast lead on a goal by Burnley's Brian Flynn after five minutes. Yugoslav defender Nijaz Ferhatovic slipped on the muddy pitch, allowing Ian Rush to break in unchallenged into the penalty box. Home goalkeeper Ratko Svarcar dived and deflected the ball from Rush's feet but Flynn took the rebound and easily scored.

Wales were later to profit from similar mistakes by the shaky Yugoslav defense. They were dominant in the opening minutes, clearly more adjusted to the slippery field. The Yugoslavs came back strongly after defender Zvezdan Cvetkovic equalized in the 14th minute. He headed in a corner pass from Aca Trifunovic.

Three minutes later, Yugoslavia went up 2-1 in almost identical manner. Trifunovic again centered corner, Welsh keeper Dai

Two more seeds

fall by the wayside

SYDNEY, Australia Dec. 15 (AP) — The number of seeded players in the \$125,000 New South Wales men's Tennis Open was reduced to six Wednesday when Australians Mark Edmondson and Phil Dent were knocked out in second round matches Wednesday.

Francisco Gonzalez, who reached the final 16 at Wimbledon last year, beat third-seeded Edmondson 7-6, 7-6 in Wednesday's last singles match on the center court. Gonzalez is the West-German born American, lives in and plays Davis Cup for Paraguay. Australian Wally Masur beat Dent 1-6, 6-4, 6-1.

The seventh-seeded John Sadri of the United States turned on the best match of the day against Australian Brad Drewett and won 6-7, 7-5, 6-4. The victory was Sadri's first in six matches against Drewett and he did a victory dance after winning the final point.

Another American Hank Pfister came from behind and beat countryman Peter Rennett 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Unseeded Australian John Fitzgerald beat American Mike Estep 6-1, 6-2. Last Monday, he teamed with Alexander to take the Australian Open doubles title and Wednesday the pair won their first round doubles match here, beating Australians Mark Hartnett and Mark Kratzmann 6-3, 6-2.

Meanwhile, the boyish features of Jimmy Arias make the 18-year-old look more like 15. But he's shown he belongs on the men's circuit with a tennis game that has him ranked 21st in the world.

Arias proved it again Tuesday, defeating 31-year-old Tom Gullickson 6-7, 6-4, 7-6 in the first round of the Ilie Nastase-Hamptons Invitational in north Miami Beach. He was scheduled to take on Sandy Mayer Wednesday in second-round action.

In other first-round action Tuesday, Henri Leconte of France beat host Nastase 6-3, 6-2. Vince Van Paten ousted Mel Purcell 6-4, 6-1 and Heinz Gunthardt topped Butch Walts 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

In the women's circuit in New Jersey Wendy Turnbull of Australia and American Barbara Potter scored contrasting victories. Turnbull routed U.S. teenager Bonnie Gadusek 6-1, 6-1 in the first of Tuesday night's matches while Potter prevailed over Virginia Kuziel of Romania 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.

Turnbull's next opponent in the 12-player tournament coming at the end of the 33-event international circuit will be top-seeded Martina Navratilova. Potter will face fourth seed Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia.

A sparse crowd of 2,172 saw Turnbull, 30, take more than an hour to put the 19-year-old Gadusek in her place. She simply possessed too much power and know-how for her young opponent, mixing a series of winning volleys, at the net with minutely-placed groundstrokes which had Gadusek racing from corner to corner. The Australian would probably have liked a more testing match before her meeting with Navratilova.

Potter, who relies on a big serve, committed five double faults as she dropped the first set to Ruzici. The Romanian then broke serve in the third game of the second set to take what threatened to be a decisive 2-1 lead. But Potter broke back straightaway and her confidence returned.

Bryant decides to call it a day

TUSCALOOSA, Alabama, Dec. 15 (AP) — Paul W. "Bear" Bryant, the winningest coach in U.S. college football history, announced his retirement Wednesday and Ray Perkins, coach of the National Football League's New York Giants, was named as his successor.

Bryant, 69, said he would remain as athletic director of the Crimson Tide. Perkins, an all-American receiver at Alabama in the mid-1960s, will stay as coach of the Giants through the end of the season and take over at Alabama for the 1983 season.

The announcements came in simultaneous news conferences here and in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

"There comes a time in every profession when you have to hang it up and that time has come for me as head football coach at the University of Alabama," Bryant told a packed of reporters in Tuscaloosa.

Two minutes later, Rush was again presented a gift by the Yugoslavs but this time Svarcar managed to deflect his shot.

Davies was in trouble twice within a minute when first a free kick missile from Trifunovic went wide and then he made a good save when he stopped a shot from Miodrag Jasic, who had minutes earlier come on for Deveric.

It was Jasic who gave Yugoslavia their second two-goal lead when he beat Davies from close range after 66 minutes. It was another left-side corner by Trifunovic. Ivan Gudelj flicked it over to Jasic, who had no problems scoring.

Soccer results & standings

European Group Four							
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Wales	0	2	0	1	2	3	1
Albania	0	2	0	1	2	3	1
Group Five							
Sweden	3	3	0	0	11	0	6
Norway	3	3	1	1	18	3	3
Denmark	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Finland	3	0	1	2	0	6	1
West Germany	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Northern Ireland hopes dim

TIRANA, Albania, Dec. 15 (AP) — Albania held Northern Ireland to a 0-0 draw Wednesday and dimmed the Irish team's hopes of qualifying for the final stages of the European Soccer Championship.

It was Albania's first point in three games in Group Six of the qualifying tournament. Northern Ireland failed completely to find the sparkling attacking form which upset West Germany in Belfast last month.

Northern Ireland was left with three points from three games, and with four matches still to play. Austria leads the group standing with six points from three games.

The hustling methods which made the Northern Irish everybody's heroes in the World Cup in Spain last summer were not in evidence on this day. Only in the opening

seconds and again in the last few minutes of the match did the Irish ever look like scoring.

Martin O'Neill, the team captain, was unlucky with an effort immediately after the kick-off. His shot flew across the face at the goal. Near the end Ian Stewart laid on a pass for a header by Norman Whiteside, which was only just off target.

For the rest of the game Albania was the more dangerous attacking side. The Northern Irish had a lucky escape just before halftime when a header by Kola was cleared off the goal-line by Jimmy Nicholl.

Harry Cavan, president of the Northern Irish Football Association, said after the game: "We were disappointed. There was no cohesion in the team, and in the end we were lucky to get a draw."

Soccer tid-bits

Cruyff turns down Rijvers' offer

ZEIST, Netherlands, (R) — Attempts to lure Dutch soccer veteran Johan Cruyff back to the Netherlands' national team after an absence of more than four years have failed, coach Kees Rijvers said Wednesday.

Rijvers said he considered that Cruyff, 35, could play a major role in the Netherlands' next two European Championship Group Seven games against Malta and Spain. But after lengthy talks Tuesday night the player decided not to represent his country again.

LINKOPPING, (AFP) — Swedish international striker Ralf Edstrom will be out of action for at least six months, his doctor announced here Tuesday. The 30-year-old World Cup star badly tore ligaments in his left knee while playing for his club Monaco against Lens in a French League Match on Dec. 4.

STOCKHOLM, (AFP) — Jan Eriksson, a 20-year-old Swedish fullback, signed an 18 month contract here Wednesday to play for Belgian champions Standard Liege. Compatriot Benny Wendt already plays for the Belgian team. Eriksson's present club, Aik Stockholm, have reserved the right to buy him back at the end of the 1983-

Cooper checks Abdul-Jabbar to help Trail Blazers slip thru

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP) — Even though Wayne Cooper can't block Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's shots, that doesn't mean that the Portland center is powerless to stop the Los Angeles Lakers' star.

Cooper held Abdul-Jabbar to two points in the final quarter as Portland defeated Los Angeles 107-103 in a National Basketball Association game Tuesday night.

The 6-foot-10 Cooper, who had 17 points and six rebounds compared to 14 points and four rebounds for Abdul-Jabbar, said the key to containing the 7-2 Lakers center is keeping him away from his favorite shooting spots.

"I don't think he ever got into the flow of the game early, and that hurt him later on," Cooper said of Abdul-Jabbar. "I tried to push him as far away from his spot as I could. He could stand still and I still couldn't block his shot."

Cooper had three blocked shots in the game, one of them with six seconds to go against Bob McAdoo to salvage the victory. Portland's fourth in a row since Cooper became a starter.

"We have not been outrebounded since we made that change," Portland coach Jack Ramsay said. "He can shoot, he can rebound and he can block shots."

Cooper was traded by Dallas to Portland for guard Kelvin Ranney in the off-season. "A lot of people were critical of their trade to get Cooper, but he's a nice center and he did a good job on Kareem," Los Angeles coach Pat Riley said.

In other NBA games, Golden State tripped Dallas 122-113. Phoenix trimmed Seattle 114-109 in overtime. San Antonio beat Houston 102-93. Washington defeated Chicago 108-102 and Detroit edged New York 104-99.

The Los Angeles-Portland game was tied 12 times and there were 11 lead changes, but the Lakers seemed to have a comfortable edge 95-88, with 6½ minutes to play. But the

Trail Blazers fought back to tie the score at 101-101 before Jim Paxson, who scored 24 points, sank two free throws for a 105-103 edge with 18 seconds to go.

Then Cooper blocked McAdoo's shot after a baseline drive, setting up Darnell Valentine's layup with one second left. Magic Johnson led the Lakers with 24 points, while Norm Nixon and Jamaal Wilkes had 17 apiece.



Abdul-Jabbar...the Lakers' star

Suns 114, Sonics 109: Alvan Adams scored 26 points and Dennis Johnson 25 as Phoenix beat Seattle in overtime for only its second victory in the last eight games.

The Suns led by as many as 13 points in the first half and still had the advantage with 8½ minutes to go, but the Sonics came back to take a 93-89 lead behind Fred Brown's 10 points.

After Maurice Lucas scored Phoenix's last six points to tie the game 97-97 at the end of regulation, Larry Nance tipped in a missed

shot with 2:50 to go in overtime to give the Suns the lead for good.

Spurs 102, Rockets 93: George Gervin scored 29 points as San Antonio handed Houston its fifth straight loss and held the Rockets to 95 points or less for the eighth consecutive game.

The Spurs, who outscored the Rockets 25-16 in the fourth quarter, took the lead for good on a three-point play by Gene Banks. Elvin Hayes led Houston with 21 points.

Pistons 104, Knicks 99: Terry Tyler scored 12 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter and Isiah Thomas contributed four points and a key steal in the final seconds to lead Detroit over New York.

The 6-foot-1 Thomas, who scored 19 points, tied the score for the sixth time in the fourth quarter, 97-97, on a tip-in of a missed shot while surrounded by three Knicks. Then after Bill Laimbeer's two free throws gave the Pistons a 99-97 edge, Thomas stole an inbound pass, was fouled and hit two more free throws for a four-point lead.

Bernard King led all scorers with 31 points for the Knicks, while Vinnie Johnson added 21 for Detroit, who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Bullets 108, Bulls 102: Greg Ballard scored 22 points and reserve guard Kevin Grevey added 21 to pace Washington over Chicago. Ballard and Grevey combined for 21 points in the final six minutes of the game as the Bulls rallied from a 79-72 deficit early in the fourth period. Grevey had two three-point goals as Washington outscored the Bulls 14-3 to take the lead for good at 86-82.

Warriors 122, Mavericks 113: Purvis Short scored 15 of his 33 points in the fourth period to lead Golden State over Dallas. Short and World Free, who scored 23 points, led a 14-6 surge by the Warriors over a four-minute span to take a 109-96 edge in the fourth quarter. Rolando Black led Dallas with 31 points.

United States later in the day, said he plans to telephone some American champions while there to ask their opinions.

Meanwhile, S.T. Gordon will make his first defense of the World Boxing Council cruiserweight title when the fights 36-year-old Jesse Burnett Feb. 16 at a site to be announced, promoter Don King said Tuesday.

Gordon, 23, of Las Vegas, Nevada, won the 195-pound class championship when he knocked out Carlos DeLeon of Puerto Rico in the second round June 27 at Highland Heights, Ohio. His record is 22-5, with 22 knockouts. He has won 11 straight fights, 10 by knockout.

Burnett, of Los Angeles, lost a controversial 12-round decision to Leon Spinks, the former heavyweight champion, last Oct. 31 at McAfee, N.J. His record is 23-14-2, with 10 knockouts.

Meanwhile, Fergus Slattery, the former Irish Rugby Union captain, said Tuesday that he was not available for the British Lions tour of New Zealand next summer.

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The "hoot-money affair" which has troubled rugby union over the past few months



SAFE AND SOUND: Former world fencing champion Alexander Pusch (right) and trainer Emil Beck check the new fiberglass epee blade manufactured by Tilo Meier of Munich-Aurach, West Germany. It is made of glass fibre strands in resin and has already been tried out in competition in the Tanberichshofen fencing center. When broken by force it frays completely and is harmless.

In Esanda Hockey

India, Pakistan heading for another clash

MELBOURNE, Dec. 15 (AFP) — The two kings of Asian hockey, India and Pakistan, seem to be heading for their fifth meeting of the year in the final of the Esanda (10-nation) Hockey Tournament.

They have already met in a group match here, when India won 2-1 to gain revenge for the 1-7 drubbing Pakistan gave in the Asian Games final in New Delhi earlier this month. They also played each other in the Asia Cup final at Karachi in April when Pakistan won and in the Champions Trophy tournament in Amsterdam in June when India won 5-4. So honors are even.

India, at the top of Group 'A' with six points from three matches, are already assured of a place in the semifinals and with them from their group will come either Pakistan or the Netherlands, who play a decider Thursday. Pakistan, with a better goal-difference, only have to draw.

Today is a rest day giving the Dutch time to reflect on the last pulsating seconds of their match against India, when they conceded a goal to lose 2-1. India were awarded a crucial penalty-corner about 16 seconds from time and converted it to snatch victory.

The Netherlands now have the difficult task of beating Pakistan who, after an indifferent start here, have recovered their rhythm despite injury problems. Pakistan are hoping to include Hanif Khan, who was

rested for the match against China.

Although Pakistan realize that a draw with the Dutch will be enough, their manager, Khalid Mahmood said: "We are not thinking of a draw. That would be a grave risk which would give Holland the initiative." Against the Dutch, Pakistan will have to rekindle the fire that carried them to that historic victory over India just two weeks ago.

The position in Group 'B' is a little more complicated with four teams, Australia, West Germany, New Zealand and England each having a chance of qualifying but only two will go through.

A draw for Australia against the Germans will put them in the semis, but England must beat New Zealand to qualify. New Zealand also know that they must beat England. On

the other hand, if West Germany beat Australia, the host country stands in danger of being eliminated.

Roderik Bouwmann of the Netherlands heads the list of scorers with a total of seven goals from three matches. He is followed by Tom Yan't Hek of the Netherlands and Colin Batch of Australia each with five. Manzoor Junior of Pakistan and Craig Davies of Australia have scored four each.

The standard of play in the tournament has so far been disappointing and except for the match between India and the Netherlands there has been little to excite the crowds.

Another problem is that the Chinese, Canadian and Malaysian teams here do not seem up to the standard of a world tournament hockey.

In Abdullah Hashim Cricket

Dallah's Salman toils in vain

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH: Dec. 15 — A sparkling, unbeaten knock of 98 by Salman was but in vain as his side Dallah Avco went down to Saad Electronics by three wickets in the Abdullah Hashim Cricket League this week.

Making first use of the strip, Dallah aggregated 132 runs, thanks to Salman's bright knock. He was the lone Dallah batsman to defy the Saad Electronic bowlers, especially Waseem who grabbed six wickets, as wickets at the other end tumbled at regular intervals to leave Salman without a partner.

In reply Saad Electronics were in for a rude shock, losing an early wicket with just eight runs on board. But Farooq and Asad with knocks of 30 and 45 respectively put them back on the victory path and with Khalid Nusrat chipping in with a fighting 24, Saad Electronics got past the victory target at the expense of seven wickets despite Asim doing well with his spinners and claiming four wickets.

In another match, Pak Young surprisingly crashed by 58 runs to Samco. With Rashid (41), Salman (32) and Inam (22) performing well with the bat, Samco aggregated 157 runs.

The target looked within reach of the powerful Pak Young batting lineup, but they



Salman...fighting 98

failed to get going and could muster just 99 runs. Salman, Nasir and Shahzaid claiming nine wickets between them.

The third match of the day saw Iskander cruise to a 121-run win over Petromin. The victory made to look easy by Oavi, who shattered the Petromin innings with five wickets to see them all out for 125 in reply to Iskander's total of 246. Sardar (76), Irfan (52) and Khalid Zaidi (52) were Iskander's top scorers.

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SRUF suspends 30 top stars

EDINBURGH, Dec. 15 (AFP) — The Scottish Rugby Union Federation has stopped thirty top players from taking part in any more matches this year.

Their action follows the stormy Dec. 4 game between Edinburgh Academicals and Heriot's former pupils in which the referee had to stop play seven minutes before the final whistle after a running fight broke out on the pitch between the two teams.

The referee had previously warned the two captains. The two clubs have also been ordered not to play any more first team matches until 1983.

Meanwhile, Fergus Slattery, the former Irish Rugby Union captain, said Tuesday that he was not available for the British Lions tour of New Zealand next summer.

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has taken another nasty turn with claims that legendary Welsh Gareth Edwards was the link man between the players and sports firm Adidas. The claims were made by a former Adidas employee in a BBC interview Monday night.

He said that Edwards, who was one of the inspirations behind the golden era of Welsh rugby in the 70's, had helped farm out payments to teammates such as former captain Mervyn Davies, British Lions hooker Bobby Windsor and prop Glyn Shaw from Adidas in return for wearing their boots.

Windsor has denied the allegations but Davies, who was forced to retire following serious injury and Shaw, who now plays Rugby League with Wigan have admitted accepting payments.

The English federation, which like its Scottish counterpart had indicated it would take no further action, has now announced it would open its inquiry on Jan. 6.

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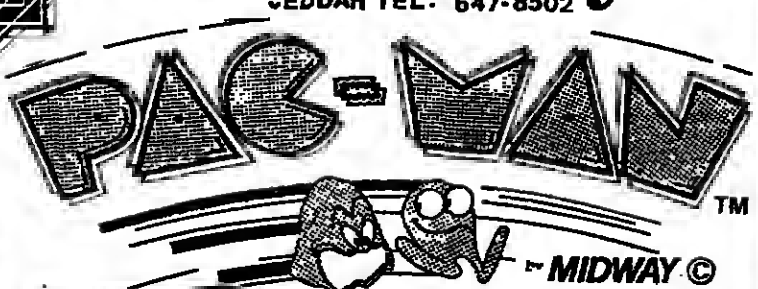
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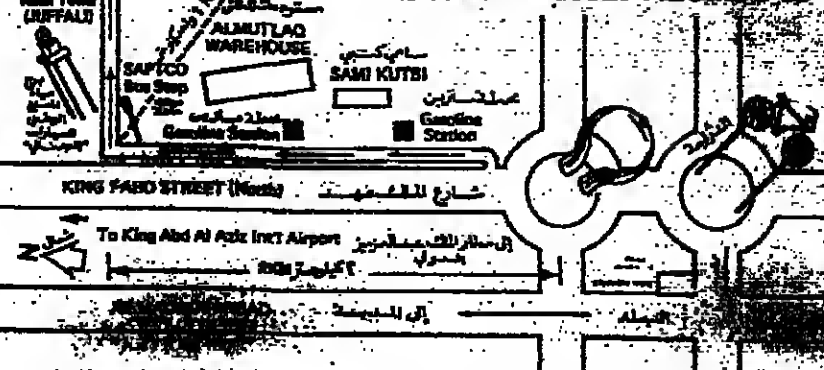
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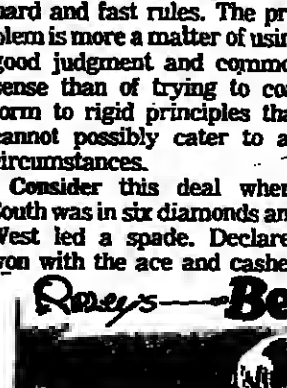
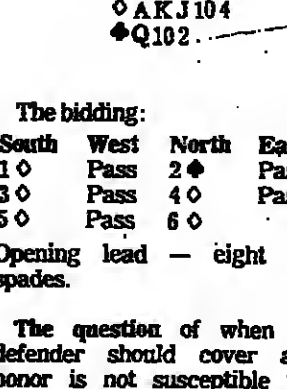
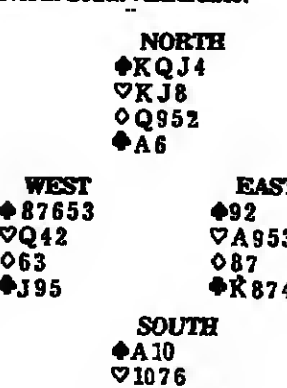
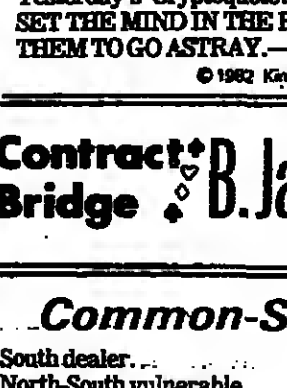
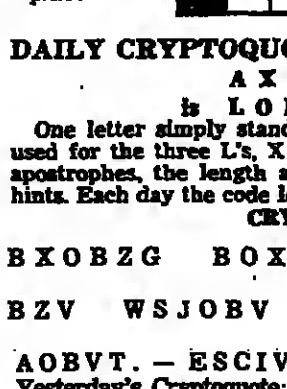
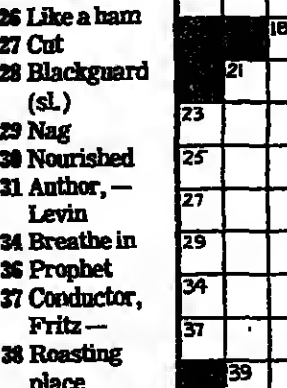
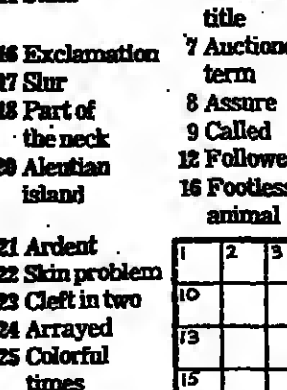
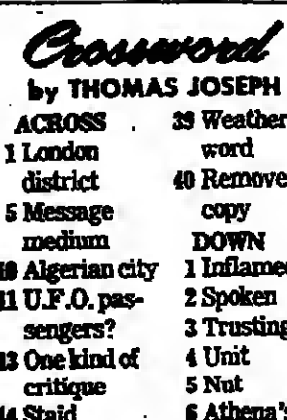


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 7:15 *Why Arab is Muslim*
 7:30 *Arabic World*
 7:40 Family Program
 8:00 Sports
 8:00 Children's Series (Dubbed)
 8:30 Cartoons
 8:30 Arabic Series
 8:30 Children's Program
 9:00 Islamic Series
 9:00 Medicine and Life
 9:00 Children's
 9:15 *News (Foreign Series)*
 9:30 Variety Program
 9:30 Cartoons
 9:30 Arabic News
 9:30 TV Magazine
 9:30 Program Review
 9:30 Daily Arabic Series
 9:30 Variety Shows
 9:30 Cartoons
 9:30 Evening Show
 9:30 Summary
 9:30 Closesdown

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 8:00 *Wides World of*
 8:15 *156 Road* / *Weekend*
 8:30 *News* / *Jeopardy*
 8:35 *Golden Gloves*
 8:40 *Jeopardy*
 8:45 Children's Show /
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 8:50 *156 Road* / *Movie Matinee* /
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 9:00 *Open Segment*
 9:05 *Open Segment* / *Golden*

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10:00 News
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Bahrain Channel 4
 3:30 *Quran*
 3:30 Religious Talk
 3:30 *Quran* Preview
 3:30 Cartoons
 4:30 Film
 4:30 Religious Program
 7:00 Daily Arabic Series
 8:00 Arabic News
 8:30 TV Magazine
 9:30 *Tasawwuf's Program*
 9:35 *Daily Arabic Series*
 9:35 *English Film*
 11:30 *News*

Bahrain Channel 55
 6:00 *Program Preview*
 6:05 *Cartoons*
 7:00 *News*
 7:30 *Open-Operation Periscope*
 8:00 *Battleground*
 8:45 *Angels*
 9:25 *Film, Followed by*
News Summary

5:30 Religious Program
6:00 Documentary
6:30 Open Segment
7:00 Gulf Series
8:00 Local News
10:10 Theater World
9:30 Arabic Drama
10:00 World News
10:30 Sports News
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Dubai Channel
 5:00 *Holy Quran*
 5:10 *Sports Program/Match*
 5:30 *Spectrum*
 6:00 *English Cartoons*
 6:30 *Drama Story*
 6:40 *Family*
 7:00 *Ys Himeityin*
 7:30 *Open Segment*
 8:00 *Local News*
 8:10 *Shirley & Hatch*
 8:30 *Islamic Histories*
 9:10 *Victorian*
 9:35 *Sometime*
 10:00 *World News*
 10:25 *The Incredible*
 11:10 *Indian Feature Fi*
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 7:30 *The Incredible*
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 9:00 *Open Segment*
 9:25 *Press Roundup*
 9:35 *Target: The Impor*
 10:00 *Dark Room*

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 14:05 Islamic Program
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 14:12 Medical Program
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 1:530 Cabaret's Program
 1:539 Program Summary
 16:00 French Program
 16:00 Holy Quran
 16:05 Summary
 16:06 On Islam
 16:16 Top News of the Pope
 16:46 Reportage

11:06 Hits in Germany
 11:30 News
 11:45 Daily Chronicle
 11:50 Around the world
 12:40 Sports
 12:50 Featured Pop
 12:50 Higher & Roundabout
 12:515 Today's Diary
 13:48 News Hotlines
 13:53 Program Summary
 13:55 On the Ocean
 14:00 Christmas Eve

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 16:20 Varietes;
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Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS	39 Weather word
1 London district	40 Remove copy
5 Message medium	DOWN
10 Algerian city	1 Inflame
11 U.F.O. passengers?	2 Spoken
12 One kind of critique	3 Trusting
14 Strait	4 Unit
	5 Nut
	6 Athena's

16 Exclamation	7 Auction
17 Slur	term
18 Part of the neck	8 Assure
19 Aleutian island	9 Called
21 Ardent	12 Followed
22 Skin problem	15 Footless animal
23 Cleft in two	
24 Arrayed	
25 Colorful times	

26 Like a ham			18
27 Cut			
28 Blackguard (sl.)	21		
29 Nag	23		
30 Nourished	25		
31 Author, — Levin	27		
32 Breathe in	29		
33 Prophet	34		
37 Conductor, Fritz —	37		
38 Roasting place		39	

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 Yesterday's Cryptograms

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**Contract
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Common-S
South dealer.
North-South vulnerable

NORTH
 ♠KQJ4
 ♥KJ8
 ♦Q952
 ♣A6

WEST
 ♠87653
 ♥Q42
 ♦63
 ♣J95

EAST
 ♠92
 ♥A953
 ♦87
 ♣K874

SOUTH
 ♠A10
 ♥1076

♠ AKJ104
 ♣ Q102...

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	

Opening lead — eight spades.

The question of when a defender should cover a honor is not susceptible


ward and fast rules. The problem is more a matter of using good judgment and common sense than of trying to conform to rigid principles that cannot possibly cater to all circumstances.

Consider this deal where South was in six diamonds and West led a spade. Declare your hand with the ace and cash

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Yesterday's Answer

19 Tiltin 39 Used 21 Down

28 Italian feeling
 21 Sky systems
 23 Rouse
 24 Regretted
 26 Like
 Pollyanna

33 "Rule Britannia" composer
 35 Black cuckoo (var.)
 36 Turf

4	5	6	7	8	9
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NOTE - Here's how to work it:
Y D L B A A K E
G F E L L O W
is for another. In this sample A is
for the two O's, etc. Single letters,
and formation of the words are all
letters are different.

PROQUOTES

J S J B Q T Q E W F G
B Z V H F X V T S G -
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ense Defense
the A-K of trumps and K-Q-J
of trumps — 10-9, which he

discarded two clubs. He then ruffed a club, producing this position:

	North	
	♥KJ8	
	♦Q9	
West		East
♠7		♥A953
♥Q42		♦8
♣J		
	South	
	♥1076	
	♦J10	

hearts and, had West followed low, South would have made the slam by playing low from dummy.

But West — who realized that declarer had started with precisely two spades, five diamonds and three clubs and hence three hearts — correctly covered the ten with the queen, which in turn was covered in dummy with the king.

East thereupon played low from his hand — he had had

exactly the same count on
 declarer's · distribution as
 West — and South had to go
 down one when he later lost
 two heart tricks to East. Had
 East won the king of hearts
 with the ace, he would have
 found himself employed in the
 diagrammed position and
 declarer would have made the
 slam.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Francis Drake

FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1982










ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) 
You'll be happy with the results of career endeavors. Talks with bosses are productive. Social life is pleasing, too.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) 
You receive favorable attention. It's a good day to schedule talks with others. Travel may have career ramifications.

(May 21 to June 20) -
It's a good time to seek credit or to talk with business advisers. Loved ones are in agreement about financial interests.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) 
It's an especially happy time for love birds. Some decide to marry. Express your feelings and they will be reciprocated.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) 

tive workday and you may also
 socialize with co-workers. You
 may receive an important
 assignment. **VIRGO**
 (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) 
 Children and loved ones are
 a source of happiness. Singles
 meet with romantic introductions.
 Make plans to socialize
 after dark. **LIBRA**
 (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) 
 You'll reach accord with
 family members. Entertaining
 at home is fun tonight, or if
 you prefer, dine out with
 relatives. **SCORPIO**
 (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) 
 Voice your opinions for
 quick acceptance from others.
 A sense of humor makes you
 more effective. Local visits
 are enjoyable. **NOVEMBER 1978**
 (Nov. 23 to Dec. 21) 
 You couldn't find a better
 day for shopping or for entering
 financial dealings with
 others. You receive gifts. **CAPRICORN**
 (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) 
 You're popular and will
 make a good impression on
 others. Make important phone
 calls or visits. Enjoy the
 limelight. **AQUARIUS**
 (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) 
 You'll want some privacy
 with a loved one. Afterward,
 you'll be busy reading or catch-
 ing up with letter writing. **PISCES**
 (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) 
 You decide now to join a
 club, where you'll meet others
 with whom you have much in
 common. Speak up at group
 meetings.

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220 Financial News	Summary	9700	30
240 About	"130 A Daily Good Show	9700	30
245 Off the Record	1215 Lunar Newsletter (ex.30th)	9700	30
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200 World News	0123 Book Choice	15260	15
225 News about Britain	0130 Financial News	15265	22
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Shultz denies story on KGB plot against pope

Italy reviews Bulgaria connection

ROME, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — Italian security and intelligence chiefs were Wednesday reviewing their investigation into the alleged "Bulgarian connection" in the attempt to assassinate Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981.

The top secret meeting was attended by the heads of Italy's two secret services, the defense and interior ministries, a secretary of state and members of the inter-parliamentary security committee. It is presumed that they closely examine all the evidence amassed by Judge Iorio Martella who is in charge of the case.

Since the arrest on Nov. 25 Sergei Ivanov Antonov, deputy head in Rome of the Bulgarian national airline "Balkanair", the Italian authorities have said very little.

Italy's political police the "digos" has described some press reports as being "utterly fantastic." Like the report in the Socialist daily newspaper *Repubblica* that would-he assassin Mehmet Ali Agca — currently serving a life sentence — had also been asked by Sofia to kill Lech Walesa, the head of the banned Polish trade union "Solidarity", during his visit to Rome last January.

But the liberal daily *La Stampa* commented: "It may only be a hypothesis, but there are no shortages of amazing coincidences in this affair."

Judge Martella has consistently refused to give any statements. Meanwhile, Socialist Party deputy leader Ciriaco De Mita is urging that an international tribunal should be set up.

But Ciriaco de Mita, the secretary-general of the Christian Democrat Party, Italy's largest, is against any rupture of diplomatic relations with Bulgaria, although he agrees that there is an odor of a plot about the assassination bid.

Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz said in Madrid Wednesday that a report that he was told by Pope John Paul II that the pope believes the Soviet KGB was behind the attempt to assassinate him is "totally wrong." "There is absolutely no truth to that story," Shultz said of the report carried by Cable News network.

"Where it came from, I can't imagine," Shultz said. Shultz said he has had "nothing to say" about what the pope told him in a private audience at the Vatican Monday. He said it would be "totally inappropriate" for him to comment.

"This is totally wrong," Shultz said. "I don't know what you'd call it." Shultz made his comment to reporters during a flight from Paris to Madrid.

In a related development, a Turk sought by Italy in the shooting of the pope has denied that he knows Mehmet Ali Agca, Bulgaria's official news agency reported.

"Bekir Celenk has said that he does not know Mehmet Ali Agca, that he has never met him and completely repudiated the charges imputed to him for being an accomplice in the assassination attempt on the life of the head of the Roman Catholic church," BTA said in a dispatch from Sofia late Tuesday.

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Indian crew rescued

SEATTLE, Washington, Dec. 15 (AFP) — Sixty-one persons were rescued Wednesday from an Indian freighter that went down in heavy seas off the coast of Oregon during the night, the U.S. Coast Guard announced here. One person was killed aboard the rescue ship, the merchant vessel *Tinian Lady*, the Coast Guard said. No details were immediately available.

The crew of the Bombay-registered *Jalamorari* had abandoned ship and taken to two lifeboats after putting out an SOS when ship began to take on water in a storm. The freighter, belonging to the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, left Squamish, British Columbia, Saturday with a cargo of wood pulp.

Fitzgerald faces 2 problems

DUBLIN, Ireland Dec. 15 (AP) — Prime Minister Garrett Fitzgerald returns to power facing two major problems — Ireland's severe economic problems and badly damaged relations with Britain over Northern Ireland.

Fitzgerald's new coalition government which began work Wednesday following his election as premier by parliament Tuesday night, is preparing a budget to be introduced at the end of January.

Commentators say the budget is likely to contain sweeping tax hikes and harsh measures in a bid to phase out a record budget deficit of 1.2 billion Irish pounds (\$1.56 billion) over five years.

The republic has 166,000 unemployed workers, or 13.5 percent of the workforce. Inflation is running at an annual rate of 17 percent, and Ireland has a record national debt of 11 billion Irish pounds (\$14.6 billion).

The British domestic news agency Press Association, meanwhile, said Fitzgerald is expected to contact British Premier Margaret Thatcher in the next few days to suggest early talks.

The meeting is expected to take place next month. But P.A. said there could be a meeting first between Irish Foreign Minister Peter Barry and Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary James Prior.

Polish press admits social distrust

WARSAW, Dec. 15 (AP) — Leading Warsaw newspapers acknowledged in editions Tuesday that Poland's military authorities in the year of rule by martial law have scarcely won the trust and confidence of the Polish people.

"There is still a long way to the universal trust in the authorities and to the will to cooperate with them," the daily *Zycie Warszawy* (Warsaw Life) said in a commentary a day after the anniversary of the regime's martial law decree.

"The front of refusal is still fairly broad," the widely read newspaper said. The front of refusal is commonly interpreted to mean the disgruntled segments of Polish society, notably former activists of the now-banned labor

Nakasone 'favors mining' to counter Soviet fleet

HONG KONG, Dec. 15 (AFP) — Japanese Premier Yasuhiro Nakasone, saying that Tokyo's defense position should complement that of the United States, has implicitly floated the idea of mining three straits to bottle up the Soviet Pacific fleet in case of conflict.

Nakasone made his comments in an interview with the *Asian Wall Street Journal*, published Wednesday in which he was asked about reports that U.S. officials were urging Japan to develop a capability to mine the straits of Soya, Tsugaru and Tsushima.

Nakasone responded that Japan's defense "should be one of improving defense capabilities for a minimum defense and ensuring a high-quality defense setup, all of course, under our constitution."

The premier, due to visit Washington next

Army denies Cuban role in Surinam

PARAMARIBO, Surinam, Dec. 15 (AP) — Surinam's police and army minister denied on television Tuesday night that Cuban soldiers helped the military discover a planned coup attempt to be carried out on Dec. 25. Ivan Granooogst made the statement after a former Surinam Vice Premier Andre Haakmat was quoted in the *Hague, Netherlands*, as saying that Cuban and Nicaraguan advisers "are playing a promoter role" in the current military clampdown in Surinam.

At the same time, Surinam's commander in chief, Col. Desi Bouterse, issued a statement "strongly denying" an execution list existed. This was in apparent response to an Amnesty International report out of London on Tuesday, saying it had information that at least 25 persons had been executed last Wednesday in Surinam.

Col. Bouterse, the military strongman, who came into power following a coup admitted that at least 15 men had been shot and killed while in an attempted escape from a military prison.

India to consult nonaligned states

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15 (R) — India is sending four senior diplomats to consult nonaligned states about draft documents for the nonaligned summit to be held in New Delhi in March. An External Affairs Ministry spokesman said the first envoy left for Cuba, present chairman of the 97-member nonaligned movement, Latin America and West Africa.

Other diplomats would visit Arab, African and Asian states, the spokesman said. India has invited 95 countries to attend the summit, missing out Kampuchea because of differences over who should represent Phnom Penh, India took over as host of the conference after Iran, which has been at war with Iraq for the past two years, objected to Baghdad as the summit's venue.

The government of Vietnam complained about what it said was a plot to seat Prince Norodom Sihanouk as the representative of Kampuchea. A commentary on Radio Hanoi, monitored in Bangkok, said that the attendance at the conference of the prince, who heads an anti-Vietnamese Kampuchean coalition, would wreck the nonaligned movement.

Quebec gets power

MONTREAL, Dec. 15 (R) — Power was restored in Quebec province Wednesday following a blackout that left millions of people without heating or lights in freezing weather for more than eight hours.

Power was restored region-by-region. Quebec city and parts of Montreal, scene of mammoth traffic jams as traffic lights failed, regained power after two hours.

The blackout was caused by an explosion and fire at a transformer near Quebec city, according to a Hydro-Quebec spokesman. He said the explosion might have been due to a gas buildup. It was the most widespread blackout in Quebec since August of 1975, when there was a provincewide failure.

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Athens	14	57	18	64	clear			Mexico City	7	45	18	64
Bahrain	15	59	17	63	clear			Miami	20	68	23	73
Bangkok	20	68	30	86	clear			Montreal	-10	14	-4	25
Batumi	11	52	20	68	clear			Moscow	-6	21	2	36
Berlin	1	34	4	39	rain			New Delhi	11	52	25	77
Brussels	5	41	11	52	rain			New York	-5	23	4	39
Buenos Aires	17	63	28	82	clear			Nicosia	5	41	18	64
Cairo	10	50	21	70	cloudy			Oslo	-8	18	1	34
Caracas	19	66	28	82	cloudy			Peking	-4	27	5	41
Chicago	-2	28	4	39	rain			Rio de Janeiro	22	72	36	97
Copenhagen	1	34	2	36	rain			Rome	3	41	15	59
Dublin	2	36	10	50	clear			San Francisco	8	46	9	48
Frankfurt	-2	28	3	37	cloudy			Seoul	-6	21	3	37
Geneva	3	37	6	43	cloudy			Singapore	23	73	31	88
Helsinki	-5	23	0	32	cloudy			Stockholm	-7	19	-1	30
Hong Kong	14	57	18	64	cloudy			Taipei	13	55	20	68
Jakarta	22	72	31	88	cloudy			Tokyo	4	39	12	54
Kuala Lumpur	22	72	32	90	rain			Toronto	3	37	4	39
London	8	46	13	55	cloudy			Vancouver	8	46	9	48
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